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BSI siting application certified complete

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REPORTER

Regulatory officials on Friday certified as complete Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s major siting application for a 14-story casino resort in the heart of Garapan, upon the receipt of further supplemental information tomorrow, Tuesday.

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The project, called the "Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort," covers some 447,915 square feet of coastal property inclusive of a mixture of private and public lands. The site, which has been cleared of all vegetation, includes the former Samoan Housing area and borders the Saipan Lagoon.

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Best Sunshine's chief operating officer Matthew Harkness, consultant John Gourley, Bill Hofschneider of Hofschneider Engineering, LLC, counsel Viola Alepuyo, and other individuals working on the environmental and archaeological aspects of the proposed development presented

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Petition vs military plans passes 68,000 signatures

The Change.org electronic petition initiated by Arley and Phillip Long and promoted by many women in the Tinian community and endorsed by the CNMI and Guam community coalitions has now garnered over 68,000 signatures that oppose the military's

plans to bomb the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The hugely successful petition has garnered vast support from several organizations across the U.S. such as Earth Justice, the Center for Biological Diversity, Save the Beach, and many others around the globe.

The online petition seeks to stop the U.S. military's proposed live fire training on Tinian and Pagan. Actions, at

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FINAL NIGHT

Performing island-style dances, young girls entertain hundreds of visitors and community members during the final night of the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden last Saturday. The annual Taste of the Marianas is one of MVA's signature events and both starts and concludes Tourism Month in the CNMI.

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'Yamagishi suicidal, hooked to gambling, can't control ice addiction'

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Former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer Bob Hajime Deleon Guerrero Yamagishi is suicidal, hooked on gambling, can't control his addiction to methamphetamine or "ice," and

even attempted to become a drug supplier, according to a U.S. CBP Office of Internal Affairs special agent.

U.S. CBP Internal Affairs special agent Brian Kawabata, who is the case agent in Yamagishi's in-

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vestigation, took the witness stand during the detention hearing in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday. Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy said she is going to release Yamagishi but with very stringent conditions.

"Treatment is the most appropriate thing here," Kennedy said.

The magistrate judge continued the detention hearing to this Thursday at 1:30pm to allow Yamagishi's court-appointed counsel, Janet H. King, to arrange for a house where Yamagishi

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Krissy Cepeda shows off one of the T-shirts that call for the preservation of Pagan and Tinian.

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Local

Man pulled over for traffic offense allegedly yields 'ice'

A 22-year-old man who was stopped along Martinez Road in As Lito for a traffic offense was allegedly found in possession of three baggies that contained methamphetamine or "ice" on

Wednesday morning.

Walter Arellano Florencio Jr. was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and trafficking of a controlled substance. His bail was set Friday at

\$50,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on June 2 at 1:30pm.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Florencio.

Police detective Rudolfo

Saures Hermosilla Jr. stated in his report that police officer David Hosono was doing a periodic check on Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu and was about to turn toward Martinez Road in As Lito when he saw a tinted Toyota car in front of his vehicle with no safety sticker for 2015 on the rear license plate.

Hosono activated his emergency light and siren to do a violator stop on the car. The officer pulled over the car on the shoulder of the road near Maty's Barbecue.

The officer noted that Florencio's passengers—his girlfriend and her baby—were not wear-

ing safety belts.

Florencio apologized to the officer, saying it was a rental car and that he does not have with him his driver's license and vehicle registration.

The officer then observed cigarette wrappers and a cutoff straw that appeared to be tools used to smoke "ice."

After Hosono advised Florencio to step out of the car, the officer saw a plastic Game Boy container underneath the driver's seat floor. The officer saw three baggies from the container containing crystalline substance that, when later tested, was presumptive

positive for meth. The "ice" weighed 0.6 gross grams.

The car was released to Florencio's girlfriend, who told police that she was surprised because she has no knowledge of her boyfriend's drug activity.

Florencio allegedly told police that his girlfriend is unaware of his drug activity. He disclosed that he purchased the "ice" from a source for \$20 at Smile Poker in Chalan Kanoa Tuesday night.

Florencio said he separated 0.1 gross grams into three separate baggies and that he was going to sell the three baggies for \$20 each. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Zoning Office looking to hire zoning planner

The Commonwealth Zoning Office has looked at five applicants for their zoning planner position.

At a board meeting Thursday afternoon, Zoning administrator Therese Ogumoro disclosed they will decide on the matter this week.

She said interviews were held last Tuesday. The second part of the interviews were set Friday.

She also told the board that the office is in the process of hiring Bernard Bermudes as assistant for their zoning enforcement officer. He would aid the current enforcement officer with reports, among others.

It was also gathered that the Zoning Office is urging the House of Representatives to reinstate their originally proposed budget before it was trimmed by

the Office of the Governor before transmittal to the Legislature.

Board members disclosed that they have been in communication with Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) on the matter.

The Zoning Office's proposed budget was trimmed by some \$40,000. This fiscal year, they were allocated \$229,646, according to budget figures. (*Dennis B. Chan*)

Leyda Ada trial starts today in \$1.7M health care fraud case

The jury trial of Leyda I. Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband to perpetrate a health care fraud exceeding \$1.7 million, is expected to start today in federal court.

Attorney Mark B. Hanson is court-appointed counsel for Ada. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe is prosecuting the case.

Hanson and Backe both agreed that the case is unusual and complex, given the nature and breadth of the allegations against Ada, its underlying

facts, and the extensive documentation.

On Thursday, Hanson filed a motion for a court order prohibiting the U.S. government from publishing exhibits and references to other evidence in its opening argument.

Hanson said the U.S. government indicated in its amended trial brief filed last Monday that it intends to introduce a variety of trial exhibits in a PowerPoint presentation during its opening argument.

Hanson said this is the exact

action about which he warned and objected during a hearing on Wednesday.

Hanson said it is uncertain from the trial brief the extent to which the prosecution wants to publish various bank records, but what is clear is that the U.S. government wants to show the jury and argue its belief of the origins and foundation of at least one objectionable bank signature card and various forged withdrawal slips.

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Inos to release statement on Rota state of emergency

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos is expected to issue a joint notice any time soon on the state of emergency declared for Rota last May 20.

"Major efforts were made by the community of Rota to return to normalcy along with many of our responders, non-profit organization, the Rota Mayor's Office, federal partners and the administration," a statement from press secretary Ivan S. Blanco said. "We are working with the mayor of Rota in ensuring all aspects for restoration have been resolved, and we antici-

pate lifting the state of emergency within the next couple of days. A joint notice will be issued soon."

The statement said the Governor's Office "would like to thank everyone who one way or another contributed in bringing some degree of normalcy back to our community after facing such a devastating storm. We ask that we continue to be vigilant and prepared at all times."

On May 20, the government declared a state of major disaster and significant emergency on Rota.

According to the declaration, Rota suffered "significant

damage to public and private property, the full extent of which is presently unknown" after being hit by Typhoon Dolphin on Friday night.

Efforts to help Rota, meanwhile, continue.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) has filed a resolution requesting the Commonwealth Development Authority, banks, and other lending institutions to give aid to victims of Typhoon Dolphin by deferring two monthly payments for affected Rota residents. Santos filed the Senate Resolution 19-12 last week.

The resolution noted that the people of Rota are "strug-

gling to overcome the fury of Typhoon Dolphin coupled with the soaring cost of food and utilities and more recently the dwindling supply of commodities such as rice, butane, and canned goods."

"Current circumstances have crippled the financial capability of most families on Rota to purchase basic necessities as well as pay loans, mortgages, and other debts that they may owe," the resolution further said.

'Coin drive'

Members of the Legislature on Friday afternoon, meanwhile, initiated a "coin drive" for Rota.

Senate President Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) led other lawmakers to line up on a portion of Beach Road, buckets on hand, to solicit donations from passing motorists.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the donation drive is part of ongoing efforts to help Rota, which is still reeling from the effects of a typhoon.

"We're doing quite OK," the lawmaker said, commenting on the cash donations from passing motorists.



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will be placed for monitoring, among other conditions.

Federal agents arrested Yamagishi on Wednesday after an indictment was filed charging him with 37 counts of fraud by wire.

According to the indictment, between July 5 and Aug. 20, 2014, Yamagishi, while a CBP officer, allegedly used his travel cash card at two stores on Saipan to obtain cash or other property and then used the cash to gamble or buy drugs.

Yamagishi allegedly made the illegal cash advance transactions 28 times in July 2014 and nine times in August 2014, for a total amount of \$6,227.53.

Yamagishi has already resigned as a CBP officer due to the indictment, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

During Friday's detention hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorring said that besides a gambling addiction, Yamagishi made a statement that he's

trying to sell drugs.

"The threat to sell drugs is real," said Lorring, adding that it is in the best interest of the community and the defendant to keep him on detention.

Lorring said Yamagishi's assurance that he will appear in court is uncertain.

Kawabata said Yamagishi's former wife disclosed that Yamagishi gave her a suicide note and that she is concerned for her safety because they just recently divorced.

The couple divorced only in March.

Kawabata said his investigation showed that Yamagishi is involved in gambling and meth.

Kawabata said Yamagishi admitted during an interview that his level of addiction to drugs has reached a point where he can't control it anymore.

Yamagishi even reportedly told his cousin, who is a drug dealer, that he wants to sell drugs, too.

During his last interview with Yamagishi, he said the defendant was very cooperative and

expressed that he wants help with his drug addiction.

When Kawabata asked what his response would be if someone were to offer him to smoke "ice" again, Yamagishi replied that it will be very difficult for him to say "no."

After Kawabata's testimony, the prosecution called to the witness stand Yamagishi's mother, Dolores Deleon Guerrero Yamagishi.

Dolores said she is not willing to serve as a third-party custodian for her son.

Dolores said she is concerned that if her son stays with them on Capital Hill, some of his friends would go there.

She also disclosed that she is leaving the island this June.

Yamagishi's house is in Kagman. Currently, it has no electric power. He also has no car.

Probation officer Margarita Wonenberg recommended that, if Yamagishi is allowed a pre-trial release, he must submit to treatment for substance abuse, no alcohol, and electronic monitoring must be imposed, among

other conditions.

Wonenberg said that during her interview, Yamagishi expressed willingness to change, that he is completely remorseful, and is sorry to his former wife and their children.

The probation officer said Yamagishi's addiction to drugs is serious.

Wonenberg said the mother told her she does not want to serve as third party custodian because of her plan to leave the island. The mother, however, is amenable to have her son use their house, which is equipped with a surveillance camera.

King, in an interview after the hearing, said the U.S. Attorney's Office as well as the court and the defense are all trying to find reasonable conditions for Yamagishi's release from detention.

King said the jury trial will be on Aug. 3, 2015, but a defendant has the opportunity to be released before trial.

"We're working on the conditions that would allow the court to grant that," she said.

among other developments in the area, calling it "critical to connect with the community."

The issue with wastewater might be complicated, he said, as CUC doesn't have the resources at this particular junction to address this.

Camacho also said the area a "key, key area" when it came to local people and their history. "It's going to become more passionate," he said, referring to ancient burials dug on site.

For the hotel casino, BSI's solid waste would amount to an estimated 619 lbs daily on site. There were no estimates yet for the construction phase.

For portable water, BSI is planning a self-contained water system, inclusive of reverse osmosis, and underground well systems, among others. The casino resort would require an estimated 254 gallons per day of potable water. This would be supplied by three on-site high salinity deep wells. The water would be processed and the waste stream disposed of through two underground injection control wells, or two UIC wells.

For the area around their property, BSI will be resurfacing Orchid Street and making improvements to the intersection between Beach Road and Orchid St.

Hibiscus Street, which runs between Best Sunshine property and the ABC store and the Hafadai Beach Hotel, will also be paved. This road would be a two-lane road with a sidewalk. It would be reduced from 45 feet to 30 feet but with improvements.

BSI is at work with Marianas Visitors Authority on a traffic study around the site.

BSI is also asking for exemptions to local "shoreline setback" laws, or the distance by which a certain buildings can be near the shore.

DCRM director Fran Castro said they aim for a public hearing for the end of June, around June 25 or 26.

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the military's own admission, must require the forced relocation of both Tinian and Pagan residents from the proposed bombing areas. The military's proposed actions are detailed in the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS document: <http://www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com/documents>.

On Tinian the military's plan calls for high hazard impact areas, convoy courses, convoy course engagement areas, tracked vehicle driver's courses, landing zones, observation posts, surface radar sites, tactical amphibious landing beaches, maneuver areas, field artillery, indirect fire ranges, base camp, and hazardous munitions (weapons) storage areas.

On Pagan, the military proposes high-hazard impact areas, expeditionary base camp/bivouac areas, tactical amphibious landing beaches, expeditionary airfield, military training trail networks, south range complex, north range complex, which includes landing zones, firing positions and target areas as well as hazardous munitions (weapons) storage areas and supply routes.

The U.S. military also says in its proposed action that permanent and unrepairable impacts (significant) damage will be done to the CNMI. The military's EIS admits the closure and proposed future control over the CNMI airspace and the destruction of CNMI cultural resources. They acknowledge the poisoning of the geology and soil on Tinian and Pagan, the creation of noise at all hours of the day and night, the limitation of access to CNMI lands and submerged land use, the loss of access to Tinian and Pagan recreation, hunting, and cultural areas. Moreover, the military admits that there will be huge losses of wildlife on Tinian and Pagan, and significant losses of marine wildlife off the waters of Tinian and Pagan.

The military also acknowledges that there will be significant losses, such as the impact to tourism growth on Tinian and Pagan. Lastly, they admit to the stunning negative visual impacts in bombing the northern

part of Tinian and the effects it will have on the southern residents and tourists of Saipan.

The online petition, www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing, is pushing for a broad grassroots effort throughout the United States in order to garner 100,000 signatures for a formal petition to the White House. The U.S. White House has a standing policy that the U.S. President will address directly any petition of 100,000 or more that is sent to the White House.

"The online petition is now just 32,000 signatures away from that goal and it needs your help to stop the massive proposed destruction by the U.S. military," the petition's organizers said.

Supporters of the petition have clarified their position as "staunch patriots and strong advocates for U.S. veterans and the United States." They want to make it clear that their position against the military's proposed action is simply that. They are against the implementation of a hazardous high impact bombing range on Tinian and Pagan. The supporters are against the military's proposed action of the forced relocation of island residents, the destruction of the environment, the killing of wildlife and sea life, and the termination of a tourism-based economy on the two islands.

Arley Long, the primary advocate behind the electronic petition on Change.org, said: "I am overwhelmed with excitement and feel we do stand together in protecting these beautiful Islands. I would like to thank numerous groups globally, and residents living on and off island that have been great supporters by sharing this petition and writing to the press in their regions as well."

"A special thank you to my husband Phil Long, Sylvia Frain, Andrew, and Jason Barnaby from change.org, Jude Hudson, attorney Lisa Brownee, Juanita Mendiola, Cinta Kaipat, Robert Rabin, and Rosalga Alvarez from Puerto Rico. With all this help we're still not done. Please keep sharing this petition, and writing to the president," she added.

For more information, visit: www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing or use the hashtags: #SaveTinian #SavePagan or #OurIslandsAreSacred. (PR)

BSI

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their application to the Division of Coastal and Resources Management board on Friday at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room in Gualo Rai.

While BSI intends to hook up to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for their 9-megawatt power demand, it was disclosed Friday that current public sewer infrastructure is inadequate for their estimated wastewater discharge—some 24,000 gallons of discharge per day.

Hofschneider, accompanied by former BECQ employees David Rosario and Emmanuel Borja, told officials that the projected discharge "would require improvements to CUC's collection and transmissions system."

He said they have met with CUC and will continue to meet with CUC over this.

It was later learned that if piping were not improved, wastewater backflow could occur. CUC officials have noted their concern about this potential effect on existing businesses and residents in the area.

"When we develop or make improvements, the government always looks at opportunities to enhance that improvement a little further in terms of accommodating future growth or present load in addition to the development," Hofschneider said.

He disclosed that "discussions are taking place to incorporate waste flows from" different sewage lift stations in the area. This is a design, logistical as well as a financial issue that needs to be further discussed, he said.

"We are looking at a substantial amount of equipment to accommodate existing flows," he said. "Government infrastructure is inadequate to support the facility."

They would need to construct approximately a 10,000-meter pipe pressure system that would

tie from flows from lift station to the others in the Garapan area, he said.

His clients have "not flinched and understand their responsibilities," he assured, but also added that, "we would like to sit with CUC and the community to understand that at a certain point the developer holds up to improvements, but anything beyond that we'll need to identify the financial parties responsible for that extra improvement for future potential growth."

In terms of power, BSI has an anticipated demand of 9 megawatts. The hotel casino will have backup generation in case of intermittent interruptions. "We are ready to partner with CUC," Hofschneider said.

Economic benefits

According to chief operating officer, Matt Harkness, BSI projects some 420 employees needed for the hotel casino.

In a pitch to officials, Harkness referred to his experiences working for Native American-owned Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Michigan. He also has worked in Atlantic City's gambling industry.

Harkness said economic benefits were generated from casino fees, but noted that the "real benefits" came for the underemployed, unemployed, or people not in the area.

He noted these benefits were "not just jobs, they are careers" and a "catalyst for locals," adding that a majority of executives were "native."

Like in Native American tribes, there may be an "emigration" on island as well, he noted.

Department of Commerce director David Palacios commended BSI's goal of hiring 65 percent of local available, noting that Labor only requires 30 percent. "That should help employ" people, he said.

Off-property projects

Significant off-site projects,

hinging on government support and cost-effectiveness, were also discussed.

Noting a polluted and foul drainage canal beside the hotel lot, Hofschneider said the developer is keen on this canal being redesigned.

"We need to identify the other [pollutant] sources entering the canal," he said, noting that the structural repairs aspect would be a "breeze."

The "salient point," though, with the developer is the unsightly storm water that flows out into the lagoon beside their proposed hotel, he said.

"Improvements are more than due," he said. "They need to take place. What degree of treatment, what degree of water quality we are trying to achieve...is going to be a subject of discussion."

They are looking for cost-effective way to improve the canal, he said, urging the officials to take on the task with them.

"These are costs that is being borne by the developer. These off-site improvements like improving the canal structurally and identifying the solutions to improve the water quality...are not easy."

"We are going to enlist the team of government agencies. We're going to be popping manholes and...we can't do it ourselves. But you guys have certain rights [and] authority. We're going to put you to task to help us identify these sources and help plug them," he said.

Other plans

According to Vanessa Cabrera, who was part of the archeological recovery efforts on site, their work is 99 percent complete. The remaining areas to be completed are on the dense mitten areas and several burial complexes. They have uncovered 50 burials, and 40 isolated bones, she said in her presentation to DCRM officials.

CUC manager Gary Camacho urged BSI to be a leader in

LEYDA

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dictment charged Ada with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of money laundering, five counts of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud, and one count of perjury.

Last April, the prosecution dismissed five counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud. This leaves only three charges: conspiracy to commit laundering, money laundering, and perjury. Ada pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The original indictment

charged Ada and her husband, Melvin Ada, with 59 counts.

Melvin Ada is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center who pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. He is awaiting his sentencing.

Melvin Ada was previously assigned as a medical supply specialist at CHC. Leyda Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Lack of counselors for 210 inmates worries lawmakers

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Lawmakers have expressed concern over the fact that the Department of Corrections only has one counselor for 210 inmates and 112 Corrections workers.

According to Corrections Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, the expansion of the DOC's personnel is one of the priorities of his department.

Guerrero and other DOC officials faced lawmakers on Friday for a budget hearing for the department. The DOC has proposed a budget of \$4.6 million, which is slightly higher than the

\$3.8 million proposed allocation from the government.

Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) said one counselor "won't work" for the DOC's 210 inmates, including juveniles.

"Many of these inmates are 'old-timers,' and that at least two counselors should be there," the lawmaker said.

He said he "is not satisfied" with the government's \$3.8 million allocation and that the department needs more funding.

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) echoed his colleague's call, saying the government should put more

resources to the DOC.

The Corrections chief said he "understands the government's financial hardships," which is why his proposed budget is only slightly higher than what was allocated by the government.

"We would, of course, welcome two or three more counselors," he said, adding that he would want more funds. "But we would have to live within our means, and still address the issues that we have," he said.

Aside from personnel, Guerrero said the other major concerns are food for the inmates, power, communications, and fuel, among others.

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Galang, Yasuda are Environmental Top Models for 2015



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Candidates of the 2015 Environmental Top Model show off their "trash wear" created from various used materials. The annual event is held to promote the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle and respect.

Pipeline firm asks federal court to deny CUC bid to halt arbitration proceedings

Vanderpool Pipeline Engineers Inc. has asked the federal court to deny the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s request to stop the arbitration now underway in Hawaii between Vanderpool and CUC.

CUC has no reasonable or legitimate prospect of prevailing on the merits in this case, as the facts clearly show the utilities agency agreed to arbitration with Vanderpool in the event of a dispute between them, said Vanderpool counsel Robert J. O'Connor.

"Since there is a demonstrably valid arbitration agreement between the parties,

that agreement should be enforced according to its terms," O'Connor pointed out.

CUC asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to stop the arbitration case Vanderpool filed against CUC before the American Arbitration Association in Hawaii.

Vanderpool served as the pipeline designer and third party construction manager for the CUC pipeline project. The company is seeking \$527,000 payment from CUC over its stalled oil pipeline project.

CUC, through counsel James Sirok, asked the court to declare that there is no contractual obli-

gation for CUC to arbitrate disputes with Vanderpool.

Sirok wants the court to declare that the arbitration provision being relied upon by Vanderpool to prosecute its case against CUC with the American Arbitration Association is invalid.

Sirok asserted that CUC never agreed or consented to arbitration.

Sirok said Vanderpool inserted an arbitration clause into a proposal for additional work to be added to the original contract via two change orders.

Sirok said CUC's contract with Vanderpool expired on

Dec. 31, 2014, and to date, the pipeline project has not been completed.

Vanderpool filed the arbitration case against CUC last Feb. 14.

In Vanderpool's opposition, O'Connor said CUC is bound by contract to arbitrate.

O'Connor said CUC adopted the Oct. 7, 2013, proposal when it adopted change order 5.

The Oct. 7 proposal refers to a proposal that Vanderpool submitted to CUC, detailing the terms on which Vanderpool offered to perform certain additional work that needed to be done in connection with an ongoing pipeline project.

O'Connor said CUC adopted the Oct. 7 proposal again when it adopted change order 6. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

The 5th Annual Environmental Top Model was held last Saturday at the 360 Night Market in Susupe, with 16 models showcasing wearables made from recycled materials.

Headed by event organizer Sharmaine Casquero, the event started with the models showing off their summer wear, with the girls using as accessories the nature-friendly eco bags they made with Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance.

For the highlight of the night, the candidates modeled clothes made from reused, repurposed, and recycled materials. Some of the materials that were creatively used were old foils, tetra packs, feather duster, rice sacks, broken umbrella, plastics, pet bottles, table mats, tin cans, and garbage bags.

The trashwear clothes were designed by Nhemie Cayao and Remy Rebellion. They have been designing for the modeling show for five years.

In the end, the 2015 Environmental Top Model Award for female and male categories went to Michelle Galang and Ken Yasuda, who were given \$100 cash each.

Galang wore a Serpentina-style gown made from used sacks designed with plastic flowers and paper cutouts. Yasuda, on the other hand, wore a winged, Grecian warrior-inspired outfit with foil as the main material and decorated with feather dusters.

Best in summer wear were Angela Barbo and Daniel Atalig. Other special awards were also given like Best in Ramp Model, Best in Catwalk, Mr. and Ms. Photogenic who were Archie Abugan and Pauline Castro, Miss IT&E 2015 Choice, which was awarded to Ashley Shennel Tabilisma, and Miss Avon Girl 2015 given to Zhee Frazier.

Prizes include gift certificates from KFC-Taco Bell and 360 Restaurant \$100 and gifts from IT&E. Other sponsors include Jojo's Beauty Salon, Yuichiro Printing, Island Touch, Westco, E-Center Computer & Printer Repair, ASKS Beauty Salon, Trend Salon, Avon, and Erik Van Der Maas.

The event was also held in partnership with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. (*Frauleine S. Villanueva*)

Lee Pan questions DPL chief's intentions on tourism

Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan) is questioning the decision of the Department of Public Lands regarding the suspension of the "Tuesday Night Market" at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Guerrero showed a letter in which DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio denied the request of Department of Land and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman to continue the night market.

In the letter, the DPL chief

cited that the temporary authorization issued for the night market already expired as early as September 2013.

Guerrero believes, though, that DPL declined the request to continue the regular event to give way to Skywalker Communications Group, which has started organizing the 2015 Liberation Day celebrations.

"Is there favoritism here?" Guerrero asked.

Suspending the Tuesday Night Market also effectively suspends the Thursday Night Market held at the same venue, he said.

Guerrero said tourists from almost all the nearby hotels visit the Thursday Night Market. "Maybe the [DPL] secretary is not pro-tourism. Maybe he is anti-tourism," Guerrero said.

He said the DPL's decision would shut down small entrepreneurs and self-sustaining businesses.

Guerrero, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said he is planning to sit down with Saipan Mayor David Apatang and other concerned agencies regarding the night activities.

He also plans to meet with representatives of Skywalker Communications Group to find out if the activities can be integrated into the Liberation Day celebrations.

Guerrero also lambasted DPL for not "coordinating" with the other government agencies. "Maybe the DPL is busy. But all government departments are busy. Why can't there be coordination?" he asked. (*Joel D. Pinaroc*)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Governor's Conference Room located in the first floor of the Juan A. Sablan Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan.

The following agenda will be discussed:

- I. PRELIMINARIES:**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes – March 25, 2015; April 1st & 13th, 2015; and May 12th, 2015
- II. REPORTS:**
 - A. Report by the Chairman
 - B. Report by the Executive Director
- III. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Provisional Casino Vendor License Form
 - B. Regular Casino Vendor License Form
 - C. Casino Employee License Application Form
 - D. Casino Regulatory and Licensing Fee Structure
 - E. Public Law 18-56
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Commission Staff Training:
 1. Proposal from Gaming Laboratories International – CS-CNMI-20150429-1 & 2
 - a) Gaming Machine Field Inspection Training
 - b) Pre-Opening Audit of Casino Gaming Equipment
 2. Gaming Regulator Development Seminar - Dennis L. Amerine
 - B. Casino Commission – Miscellaneous Internal Controls
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in Executive Session.
In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary)

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Plaintiff,] NO. 02-0408

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot 345 R 404, situated in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 dated September 21, 1984, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 84, 2049.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Regulators mull armed security for casino

The Commonwealth Casino Commission discussed in a meeting the possibility of having armed security personnel for Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s casino in Garapan, although the discussions were purely exploratory.

Casino Commission executive director Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero raised the topic, saying this would require training for both the casino commission staff and members of the Department of Public Safety, should they be asked to be deployed at the facility.

But DeLeon Guerrero stressed that the need or deployment of armed personnel is just one of the proposals that the commission is discussing.

Commissioner Joseph Reyes said the regulators will need to discuss with the casino licensee the topic of security. He said the casino operator would know best when it comes to security.

Best Sunshine executives, meanwhile, said a casino training school on the fourth floor of the Bank of Guam building in Garapan will be "open" to the regulators.

BSI and regulators also discussed the possibility of having casino commission staff get some training from the facility.

Two hotels?

A report from GGRAsia, an on-line news website on the gaming industry, recently quoted Imperial Pacific International—

the mother company of casino license holder Best Sunshine—as saying that Best Sunshine will construct "two hotels and a casino [in the CNMI] within a six-month period."

GGRAsia said the announcement was given in a filing by Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd.

"It is expected that construction work for the two town hotels and a casino with a total area of approximately 130,000 square meters would commence

in the third quarter of 2015 and would be complete within six months," the GGRAsia report said, quoting the filing from the parent firm.

In an earlier *Saipan Tribune* report, BSI executives unveiled plans for the "Grand Mariana," a 14-story hotel casino with 254 rooms and six villas.

A clarification from Best Sunshine on the construction of a second hotel is currently being sought as of press time. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting on Wednesday at Fiesta

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting this month is on June 3, at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. The luncheon begins at 11:30am and the meeting starts promptly at noon. Cost for members is \$20, and \$30 for non-members.

The June meeting will present six applicants with a \$2,000 Chamber scholarship! There will be four high school awards, one for college, and one for vocational studies. Also on the agenda is the reveal of the new logo for the Saipan Young Professionals committee. **(SCC)**

Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the

following dates and times:

■ June 1-5 and 7, from midnight to 4am and 10am to 11:55pm

■ June 6, from 10am to 11:55pm

The Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on June 5-7, from midnight to 11:55pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. F

W-517 is an irregular polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. **(PR)**



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Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program's Administrative Office no later than 4:00 p.m., July 17, 2015.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

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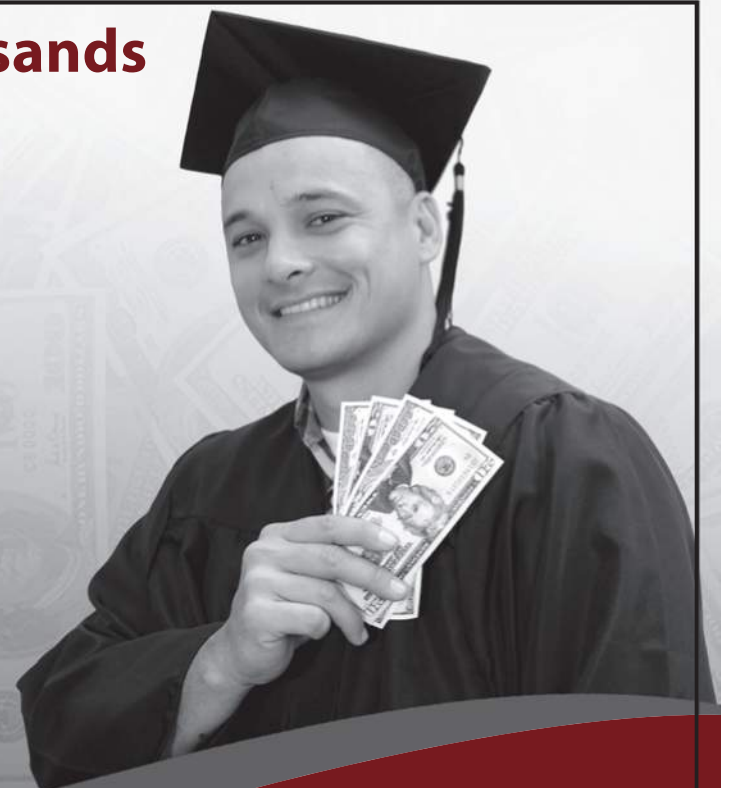
The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by any time between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Attending the free workshop also qualifies you for a waiver of NMC's application fee and placement test fees for the Fall 2015 Semester (a savings of up to \$75!).

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2. Official Transcript (3 Official Copies)
3. Tax Forms: Your or your parents' signed 2014 1040 form (2014 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes)
4. Proof of CNMI residency for 2013 and 2014 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voter's Certification, etc.)



CASH for COLLEGE

Lazaro leads 29 graduates from Mount Carmel School

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Mount Carmel School welcomed 29 graduates to the "AlumKnight" family last Saturday at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

This year's graduating students are the 51st generation of Knights, the school's mascot, to graduate from Mount Carmel. School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero said this is a testament to over 63 years of faith, excellence, and success at MCS.

Senior student Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro was hailed as the class valedictorian. Lazaro, who will be studying Biology and English at the University of Washington, told her fellow graduates to express their gratitude to their parents, educators, family, and friends for their support.

"They're a huge part of our high school life," she said in her address.

Lazaro recognized her peers' passion to pursue their lifelong dreams. "The one thing that I will always remember from this class is the passion you all have. Whether it be soccer, basketball, dancing, theater, art—you never fail to do what you love to do."

She reminded her classmates to never lose sight of their true identity, purpose, and passion.

"I implore you to keep doing what you're passionate about and truly make a difference:



MARIA FE ANDREA
M. LAZARO
Valedictorian



PETER THOMAS
ALDAN BABAUTA
Salutatorian

keep playing soccer, pursue basketball, dance, stage more plays, and make art. In 10 or 20 years or so when we're significantly better-looking, I hope



Mount Carmel School's Class of 2015.

KARLEEN REYES

to see you as passionate, if not more, than how you are now," she said. "Do what you love and love what you do."

Class salutatorian Peter Thomas Aldan Babauta shared Lazaro's sentiment. Babauta, who will be attending Boise State University, called on his classmates to

"smile more at life."

The school's administration and board also presented several other accolades to the graduates.

National Honor Society president Darvhan-Augustine Villas Moses was awarded the Bishop Thomas A. Camacho Christian Service Award, which is given to a student for his commitment

to Gospel values and Christian traditions.

Student Council vice president William Jesse Deleon Guerrero Camacho received the President's Award for Meritorious Achievement for his commitment to having good moral character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro earned several subject awards as well as the Governor's Leadership Award and a Bank of Guam \$2,000 scholarship, which recognized her involvement in school and the community.

Four students received the Loyalty Award: Peter Babauta, Alfonso Jose L. Evangelista, Darvhan-Augustine V. Moses, and Raymond Kenji A. Yamagata. Recipients of this award attended Mount Carmel for 12 consecutive years.

One graduate, Enrico Dominic T. Del Rosario, told *Saipan Tribune*: "I feel really happy and accomplished in my academic career and I'm ready to take up the next challenge in life. I'm glad I got to graduate with a bunch of amazing people and I couldn't do it without my friends, family and teachers."

This year's keynote speaker, Rep. Edwin Propst, told the graduates to prioritize family in their lives and to return to the islands to serve the community. He also reminded the graduates to not be obsessed with materialistic ideals, and instead invest in their health and happiness.

"There are those in this life who equate success with wealth and power. In their eyes, many of us, most especially myself, would not be considered successful. But I view success very differently. I see success as loving and enjoying what you are doing. I see success as treating others with love and respect," he said. "...It is your heart, your hard work, your humility, and your general disposition and your ability to rise above life's trials and tribulations that are the real measures of success."

In his closing remarks, school president Deleon Guerrero thanked the graduates' parents for investing their time and faith in what the school offers and expressed his hope for students to continue to living a life grounded in faith as they pursue higher education.

MRE to offer solar batteries that store electricity

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

To make home solar power even more attractive, CNMI customers will soon have the option to store their excess solar energy in case of a typhoon or blackout.

Micronesia Renewable Energy says their systems will store excess solar power and result in less dependence on the "grid."

These systems are called PowerUp Max and will be available as part of MRE's solar service agreement.

"For the first time, homeowners will be able to capture and store electricity generated by our solar energy systems," MRE's Chris Rosario told

Saipan Tribune.

Customers can store energy and use it when the need it, he said, like at night or during power outages.

"Regardless if the grid power is out, homeowners with our systems will always have electricity even after storms or during rolling blackouts," he said, calling this technology "groundbreaking" in the industry.

MRE explains that these systems enable customers to store the excess power produced by their solar systems. This enhanced functionality will give them less dependence on the electric grid, as well as access to power in the

event of an outage.

PowerUp Max contains batteries that store the excess power generated by solar power systems to be used by customers when they need it.

Versus feeding this power back to the grid, an inverter or charger operates in non-export mode to handle a home's energy needs with solar or battery energy.

In the event of a power outage, a switch in the inverter/charger automatically isolates the home from the electric grid to prevent the stored energy from feeding back into the power lines, so customers can then use the excess solar energy stored in the batteries as back-up.

"We are continuously striving to provide the residents of CNMI with comprehensive energy systems that fulfill their power needs," said Jeff Voacolo, chief operating officer of MRE.

"These new solar energy storage systems will make certain that customers are able to achieve more intelligent power consumption, additional savings, and increased reliability."

PowerUp Max is covered by a comprehensive warranty package, which includes system maintenance, repairs and 24/7 monitoring.

MRE is located in Gualo Rai on the first floor of the Island Commercial Center.

No data yet on govt insurance, Quitugua says

Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (R-Saipan) has yet to hear from the Department of Finance regarding data on the government's health and insurance plan.

"We are still waiting for the information," he said.

Quitugua earlier introduced Senate Bill 19-10 to allow retirees to enroll back in the government's health insurance program anytime they wish to, instead of just within six months after they retire, as mandated by Public Law 15-70.

According to Quitugua,

SB 19-10 is expected to benefit some 900 to 1,000 retirees who have opted out of the government's insurance plan. The bill was calendared for passing but the Senate did not act on it due to questions about the bill's possible impact.

The Finance Department has been asked to work with Aetna Global on this impact. Aetna Global is the insurance provider for government employees.

Quitugua's colleagues in the Senate earlier commented that the return of retirees who initially opted out of the govern-

ment insurance might cause premium rates to rise.

About 3,000 government employees could be affected, according to Senate President Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota).

He also said bringing in the 900 to 1,000 retirees on the Aetna insurance today might also affect the government to the tune of \$1.2 million in additional payments by the end of the fiscal year.

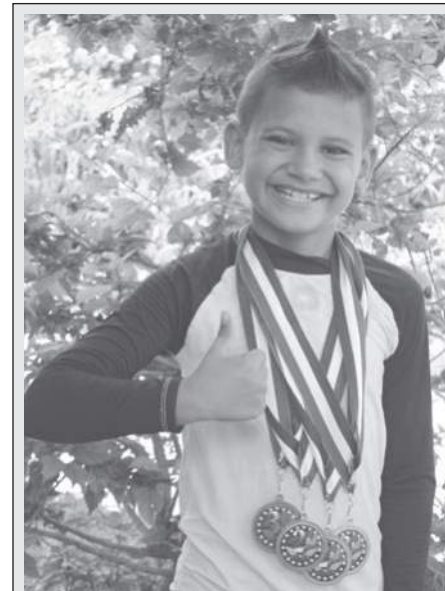
He said data is needed from Aetna on what will happen to the existing insurance rates if, say, 25, 50, or 100 retirees are brought back in.

Donation to Rota

Quitugua, meanwhile, said he has also asked the Department of Finance to facilitate a donation of \$3,000 from the senator's office account to be deposited to the Rota Mayor's Office account.

Quitugua said he is answering the call of the CNMI government to support Rota's recovery effort from Typhoon Dolphin.

He said the funds donated will assist the Rota community with their needs as a result of the devastating impact of Typhoon Dolphin. (Joel D. Pinarc)



GREAT JOB!

Congratulations to Jonathan Wolf for winning so many medals at the Inter-scholastic Athletics Championship! He won second place in the 400m in the 800m relay, second place in the 100m relay, second place in the 200m run, and third place in the 100m run. We are proud of your successes!

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2 Rota green turtles tagged with satellite transmitters

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NOAA biologist Tammy Mae Summers releases a green turtle after tagging it.



By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

The CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources Sea Turtle Program contractors were able to attach satellite transmitters on the first two nesting green turtles ever tagged on the island of Rota last month.

The turtles, named "Lady Sagua" and "Lady Pugua," will be tracked by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center program, according to resident NOAA biologist Tammy Summers.

"CNMI green sea turtle migratory data will help to inform future management actions considered by federal and local government agencies," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Summers said the turtles, weighing approximately 250 to 300 lbs each, were tagged at Apanon Beach and Sagua Beach on April 26 and April 29, not long after midnight on the southern island.

Although the turtle tagging program has been in existence for years on the islands, biologists were initially only able to tag a few individuals due to lack of funds. With fresh funding from NOAA and Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, the biologists were able to tag the two turtles.

"Additionally, it is difficult logistically to perform this work on islands other than Saipan, since STP contract staff and equipment are not based there fulltime; we must perform rapid assessments," she explained.

Summers said that seven sat-

ellite tags were deployed in the current nesting season, four of which were on Saipan, two on Rota, and one on Tinian.

"We were given 10 satellite tags total and are hoping to deploy the last three [tags] on the three remaining active turtles nesting on each island," she added.

Summers noted the importance of tagging, as scientists can learn more about the species' movements and behavior.

"We have found that turtles travel great distances from foraging grounds to nesting beaches," she said. "Passing through the waters of many countries has highlighted the migratory nature of sea turtles, and the need for the Pacific region to work together to strengthen conservation initiatives."

MVA: Bids now sought for Beach Road Pathway relighting project

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio said they are moving forward with reenergizing the lights along the Beach Road Pathway and an invitation for bids is now with the Department of Public Works.

There are currently no lights that function along the Beach Road Pathway. MVA said many of the copper wires have been stripped by thieves.

Tenorio told lawmakers that improving the lighting in the pathway is one of the many destination enhancement projects that the office is pushing to improve the island's image for tourists.

"As of now, an IFB is in the process and it is with DPW," Tenorio said at a recent hearing on MVA's budget at the Legislature.

SPDA Engineering, which is in charge of pushing the project forward, gave MVA updates at their board meeting in February 2015. It said an inventory was done for light fixtures from Kili Beach/Gilbert C. Ada

Gymnasium to the American Memorial Park, Paseo de Marianas, and Bank of Saipan areas.

"These are one of the big projects that MVA is moving forward with and will give more updates after the IFB process moves forward and ground work starts," Tenorio said.

MVA wants the project done in possibly six months, including the assessment, bidding, and construction of new path lights.

It was earlier reported that a master electrician needs to be hired to test if some of the lighting fixtures can still be salvaged.

First phase would be an assessment of the pathway to determine what types of lights would be necessary and if there are any breaks in the conduits.

This project would also require maintenance and further involvement of MVA. Tenorio earlier asked lawmakers at a budget hearing that MVA needs \$1.8 million to hire more staff for the projects it's undertaking.

Two of the MVA's large destination enhancement projects is the complete renovation of Banzai Cliff and the Flower Island Project that seeks to rebrand the CNMI as a "Flower Island."



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End the NSA dragnet

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Around 1:30 a.m. Saturday, there was a seismic shift in the U.S. Congress. As the Senate deadlocked over what to do about several expiring provisions of the Patriot Act, it became clear that political momentum had moved away from surveillance and secrecy toward freedom and privacy.

In a rare and theatrical overnight session, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell tried and failed to reauthorize or even briefly extend the Patriot Act's surveillance powers before senators left Washington for their weeklong holiday break. At every turn, he was blocked by a bipartisan group of civil libertarians and surveillance skeptics led by presidential hopeful Sen. Rand Paul, a Republican from Kentucky, and Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat from Oregon. Their main target was Section 215, which the government argues allows the National Security Agency to collect, store and analyze Americans' phone records and other intimate information in bulk.

"This is a debate about whether a warrant with a single name of a single company can be used to collect all of the phone records of all of the people in our country," Paul said from the floor. "Our forefathers would be aghast."

He was right, and we agree, which is why the American Civil Liberties Union and the Tea Party Patriots are pushing senators who are uneasy with NSA dragnet spying to hold the line and, in the absence of far-reaching reform, allow the provisions to expire on June 1.

McConnell has already promised that he will try again on Sunday to keep the surveillance status quo, and his allies will probably use scare-tactics to help him get his way. But would-be reformers should take comfort in the fact that the public and the courts are on their side.

By a nearly 2-to-1 margin across all ages, ideologies and political parties, Americans believe that the Patriot Act should be scaled back to limit government surveillance and protect Americans' privacy, according to recent ACLU polling. The public's disapproval of the call records program helps explain why the NSA, two White Houses and a small group of congressional enablers tried to keep the program secret for so long. They understood that if the American people and their representatives truly understood the extent of the NSA's domestic spying, the calls for reform would be immediate and sustained.

They were right.

If that isn't convincing enough, senators still on the fence should listen to the courts. Earlier this month, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit found that Section 215 didn't authorize the NSA's call records program. Instead, the judges unanimously found that the NSA's mass surveillance was "unprecedented," "unwarranted" and, ultimately, unlawful. With the expiration of Section 215 near, however, the 2nd Circuit decided to let Congress decide whether to reauthorize it, revise it or let it die.

Congress never meant to give such extreme powers to the NSA, and two government review groups have confirmed that the call records program has never made a concrete difference in a terrorism investigation. Even the Department of Justice's inspector general found that Section 215 had never led to a major case development. Yet the ineffective and invasive program could be revived if McConnell and his kettle of surveillance hawks win out over reason and political courage.

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Nippon, Nihon, Hapon - Japan

It might not have been *Tenno Jimmu* who kicked the first dirt off *Kyuden* some 2,600 years ago, but Imperial Japan has had an unbroken family line ever since. My name in *Zhongguo* is *Liu Ji Mu*, so I feel a close affinity to *Jimmu*, the starter of Nippon's imperial heritage.

Liu jia (Liu family) is my relation in China by marriage and to demonstrate the contemporary notion that identity is a matter of choice rather than as a kneejerk patriarchal privilege, I named myself by her household. *Zhimu* is the closest I come to for Spanish *Jaime*, or English *James*, (sounds like *Zhang Yimou*, the movie director) but a family member conferred *Ji Mu*. My calling card bears that name.

I was on Saipan when Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited 10 years ago. Shorn of the pomp and circumstance of a state visit, it was a memorable one. A couple of articles I wrote were thought to be "different" (Radio Australia) compared to the standard coverage.

At 71 and 70, the two immaculately attired but ordinary looking visitors paused for moments of silences at locations where people died during the ferocious Battle of Saipan. Akihito and Michiko were pictures of decorum, honor, and good graces that "fell from the sea" *sans* Yukio Mishima's sense of glory in death. In fact, the imperials came to honor ALL the dead and prayed for world peace.

In post-WWII *Pea Eye*, the *Tenno Showa* (Hirohito) and the "Nips" were "evil." Atrocities committed in the Philippines were regularly rehearsed. A bottle buyer in Davao turned out to be a military officer, adding to the deception theme of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

My immediate family was not a rabid Nippon hater. My father by profession was an agent of compassion and reconciliation rather than hatred and discord. After he returned from five years of graduate studies in the United States, he bought me a bottle of San Mig (he was a good father in spite of being a Methodist teetotaler) and told me the story of how a lieutenant of the Imperial Army warned him that his name was in the *Kempetai* list and should skip town, pronto. At the time, I was but a little lizard slithering up my mother's womb.

I discovered that American-led guerrillas in the middle of town quartered my "collaborator" uncle, a teacher who translated for Japanese officials. My nationalism conditioned as anti-Japanese took a deep dip down murky waters.

Attending ecumenical functions with Nihon young people present made me realize they were ordinary human beings, hardly the ogres of popular biases. Inviting one to my home in Northern Luzon after a conference in Dumaguete's Silliman U in the south a good 20 years after Yamashita was hanged in Manila, the depth of racial prejudice was still fresh as stone rained on our house's roof at midnight.

Later, I visited Yokohama (its wharf and Chinatown) and To-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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kyo (dined in Ginza at the first rotating restaurant and walked down the university town of Shinjuku before I knew there was a red district in the area) in the late '60s, went down to *Osaka Ban-baku* Expo '70, and trekked up to Sapporo on Hokkaido in 2002 on the *Shinkansen* for a weeklong brooding before attending to a speaking engagement in West Tokyo, so I got comfortable saying *domo arigato gozaimashita!* Stops at Narita these days make one feel one is still in L. A.!

When the Saipan Japanese Consulate invited a number of participants to their two-hour program at their office in Lower Base, I beat the path to the front of the line. I sharpened my *kon-nichiwa, o genki desu ka?*

The name *Nippon* or *Nihon*, the "land of the rising sun" has been used longer than the English "Japan," the latter derived from the Portuguese appropriation of the Hokkien *Jit-pun*, *Zep-pen* in Shanghai, *Jet pun* in Guangdong, adopted by the Thais as *Yip-un*, *Jepun* to the Malay, *Jepang* in Indonesian, and *Hapon* in Pilipino. China calls the country *Riben* in Mandarin (pronounced *ir ben*), not too distant from the Hangul *Ilbon*. In the archipelago, people's heart opens with the freshness of the early morn sun, notwithstanding the intrusive Commodore M.C. Perry and the reforming Meiji dynasty! *Wakarimasu ka?*

At Lower Base Thursday afternoon, we were feted the Nihon touch, with green tea first ("very hot," Yasuko Kobayashi said in perfect English), then went through a session of folding three *origami* of "a crab, a polo shirt and a bird" with Noriko Muña. My dexterity at 70 did not come easy. Then we were treated to an introspective experience of the movie *Nitaboh* of itinerant blind *shamisen* musicians at the onset of the Meiji reforms. Unobtrusively, Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi diplomatically managed from a distance.

No attempt at articulating "meaning and significance" was attempted in the two-hour session. Quietly Zen, we experienced tea, origami, and the movie, with an understated welcome for our presence and attendance, Yasuko making sure she had first names pat at every introduction of an arrival. I suggest the Consulate and staff hold more events of this nature.

(All Japanese words are pure pretense on my part. Please ignore.) *Yoi ichinichi o. Sayōnara.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**An education plan for CW transition**

After reading the article on the CW transition it reminded me of my pleas and warnings that date back to 2001 when I first introduced the idea that the CNMI needed to develop a public service program to transition our youth into the workforce. Now here we are 14 years later and finally someone realized we needed our education system to be in the forefront for training our future workforce. I have often been ahead of the times on issues and I guess that is why the powers that be never get it until it is too late. After 14 years the CW transition issue has now become a reality that we must address, which reminds me of one of my daughters when she was in high school and asked me, "Dad, why do we have a government that only does something when they have to and not when they are supposed to?" Children can even see our lackadaisicalness that is keeping us behind the times, which is the main reason they are leaving for the mainland!

I can remember over a decade ago when the CW transition issue first evolved and I was being interviewed with Dr. Sablan for the Commissioner of Education job and I told the Board of Education in that interview that if I were commissioner I would make sure that PSS would lead the CNMI's effort to transition our local workforce with as many locals as possible. I also mentioned the public service program that was researched-based and supported by a successful working model in the public schools and universities of Mexico. I was sent to Mexico by the U.S. Department of Education to do research that could help the CNMI but nobody in our leadership paid any attention to my research and warnings for the CNMI to prepare for the exit of the garment industry and to prepare for transitioning our workforce! This is exactly why I keep saying time is on my side because I keep trying to help the CNMI stay ahead of the times but the powers-that-be are keeping us behind the times, causing us to play catch-up with the times and the rest of American society and the world. Please stop putting critical issues on the back burner until the last minute and we are forced to do something by the feds. We put the wage issue and CW issue on the back burner and now the feds have moved in. We put Pagan and the potential billion-dollar pozzolan industry on the back burner and now the military has moved in. We are literally setting a clear pattern of waiting for the feds to force us to do things that we need to be doing on our own!

NMC and PSS are doing what they can but they need more funding and support to do more. PSS' Cooperative Program is a good start but the base of the program needs to be expanded as we are only experiencing a 15-percent transition of high school

students into the workforce when we need it to at least be 50 percent and higher. I'm sure 85 percent of our graduating students are not going to college, so what is happening to this 85 percent? My educated guess is that most of the 85 percent are moving or planning on moving to the mainland for a better job and a better life. Our true challenge is to sell the CNMI to our youth who are leaving as fast as they can, which is all the more reason we need a public service program approach to boost CNMI commitment among our youth and to transition our workforce with local students and adults.

The only way the CNMI can maximize our efforts to transition as many students into as many jobs as possible is through a united education venture between PSS, NMC, and the trade school in collaboration with all employers in the CNMI under a public service program. PSS and NMC are limited in the skills and professions they can teach but a public service program will allow for the instructions training and entry level certification of every job in the CNMI occupied by a CW worker. I wrote about the public service program in 2001 and just last year but hopefully now someone on the Hill, especially those in the education committees in both chambers, will listen. The public service program works just like a cooperative education program but on a bigger scale with bigger purposes. The two purposes of the public service program is to first promote citizenship and dedication to the CNMI among our youth and second to provide free training for future professionals and skill laborers to enter the workforce with guaranteed jobs in almost every field of potential employment.

Unlike the cooperative program that is inclusive of only a few jobs and employers, a public service program will be inclusive of all jobs and employers who have CWs by law. Any job that is presently being held by a CW will be subject to transition status, requiring the employer to accept and train PSS, NMC, or trade school students to take the place of CWs. All employers and CW jobs will be tracked and held accountable to the CNMI Department of Labor who will work with PSS, NMC, and the trade school to fill these positions with trainee(s). Government agencies and entities will also train students: Some examples, if a student wants to go into medicine or healthcare, they will do their community service at CHC or if they are interested in the environment, they will work at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Public Works, or Parks and Recreation.

Every CW job will be addresses by NMC or PSS without the need to create an additional class and there will be no need for additional instructional staff as the students will be getting their "on-the-job education and training" at their designated workplace. The community service program will also diminish the financial burdens, with fewer staff requirements at PSS and NMC when students are at their work-sites. Students at PSS will be re-

quired to have as much as 900 hours of community service training for a vocational diploma and NMC students will be required 600 hours of community service. So if a student wants to be an engineer, nurse, electrician, accountant, educator or any professional, they will have the potential to earn at least 1,500 hours of on-the-job training upon graduation from PSS and NMC, which should be sufficient to replace almost any CW worker. But more than anything, the public service program guarantees most our students will have a job when they graduate, which is what is needed to inspire our youth to remain in the CNMI and work.

The public service program gives employers free labor that can easily improve and increase their production during the training period while students will get a free education and training in a job or career that they want to pursue after graduation—it's a fair and profitable trade off for students and employers. There are only two challenges for PSS and NMC with one being federal laws regarding child labor that will require all students to "voluntarily" enter the program and donate their time as a volunteer with their parents' approval, which should really be just a formality and not a challenge to the program. The other challenge will be the transportation of students to and from their workplace, which will require extending and manipulating the bus system, which can easily be done to a large degree as the buses are actually sitting idle most of the day anyway.

We no longer have the luxury of time to wait the five years for NMC and PSS to build, expand, and accommodate more of the workforce needs, and a public service program is probably our best method to boost our youths' commitment to stay in the CNMI and to train most of them to transition into the workforce with guaranteed jobs and careers. A public service program is a simple solution to a complex CNMI issue if anyone on the Hill is listening and I will gladly help you in writing the necessary bill if asked.

Trying to force the trade school and NMC to work together is noble but HB 19-4 is illogical and insufficient to address all the transition needs for a number of reasons that were shared by NMC's president. The Adult Basic Education Program at NMC should also be left alone as it is not about skills but basic educational needs. However, the CNMI needs a transition bill that will bring together the Department of Labor with all of our students and all the public and private education institutions to work with all employers of CWs in transitioning our workforce— a complete public service program. The trade school should also be given more financial subsidies from the government (CNMI and Department of the Interior) to address the "skills" needed by the adult population in our transition efforts.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

NSA

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When the 2nd Circuit recently took a hard look at the government's case for why the call records program was lawful, one argument that the judges knocked down was that Congress explicitly authorized bulk collection and storage. Rather, they concluded that "knowledge of the program was intentionally kept to a minimum, both within Congress and among the public."

Today, however, no senator can claim ignorance of how NSA surveillance treads on our privacy. They can't say, "It's only metadata," when even the NSA's former top lawyer has said: "Metadata absolutely tells you everything about somebody's life. If you have enough metadata, you don't really need content."

Senators have a historic opportunity to uphold, or resuscitate, the basic American belief that liberty cannot survive when government flouts its limits. On Sunday, those who represent us must either vote for Big Brother or vote for the Bill of Rights. They can't have it both ways.

Alex Abdo is the American Civil Liberties Union attorney who argued the ACLU's legal challenge to the NSA's call records program before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. Jenny Beth Martin is a co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots. They wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

Good and bad press coverage

James Cave's May 29, 2015, Huffington Post article *The Pentagon Wants to Bomb the Hell out of This Tiny Pacific Island* was both good and bad. It was good because it provided press coverage of just how disproportionately destructive proposed American and allied force training would be if conducted on a pristine virgin isle located in the Marianas Islands. The article was bad, however, because it did not do enough to adequately convey the grave concerns that the Chamorros and Carolinians of these Marianas Islands actually have when it comes to matters of the military.

For example, most of James Cave's article focused on quotes from one person, Michael Hadfield, who works as a biologist at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. It is clear from Hadfield's remarks that native animals, plants, and birds may face severe declines, damage, and possible extinction should the military use the island for practicing full scale live-fire beach assaults from the sea, air, space, and land. It is also clear from Mr. Cave's article that Pagan is one of the few places on the planet where there are no invasive species. That in and of itself is remarkable and is cause to preserve Pagan for future generations.

Mr. Cave, however, made several omissions in his article. He did

not place focus on just how overwhelming the stress has become for villagers on Tinian Island, driven by the military's desire to further increase live-fire training and testing that would bring about additional health, noise, and quality of life risks. Mr. Cave omitted to state in his article just how disproportionate the impacts produced by the military would be on Tinian should the Marines utilize even more land on an island that is only 40 square miles. Mr. Cave also omitted to explain just how tightly controlled and monologued the DEIS process has been and how it is being viewed by Chamorros and Carolinians alike as disadvantageous and intentionally complicated and deceptive.


If Pagan and Tinian are used for additional military training, the islands will see irreversible damage that will result in both cultural and environmental injury to the Chamorro and Carolinian peoples who call the Marianas Islands home. This proposal by the military is unacceptable, unreasonable, and disproportionately harmful and should not be supported because the Marines can train in Australia, Japan, Hawaii, and the west coast of the United States.

Rick Perez
Hanover, NH

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲87° ▼77°


TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 20 mph.

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WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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THURSDAY



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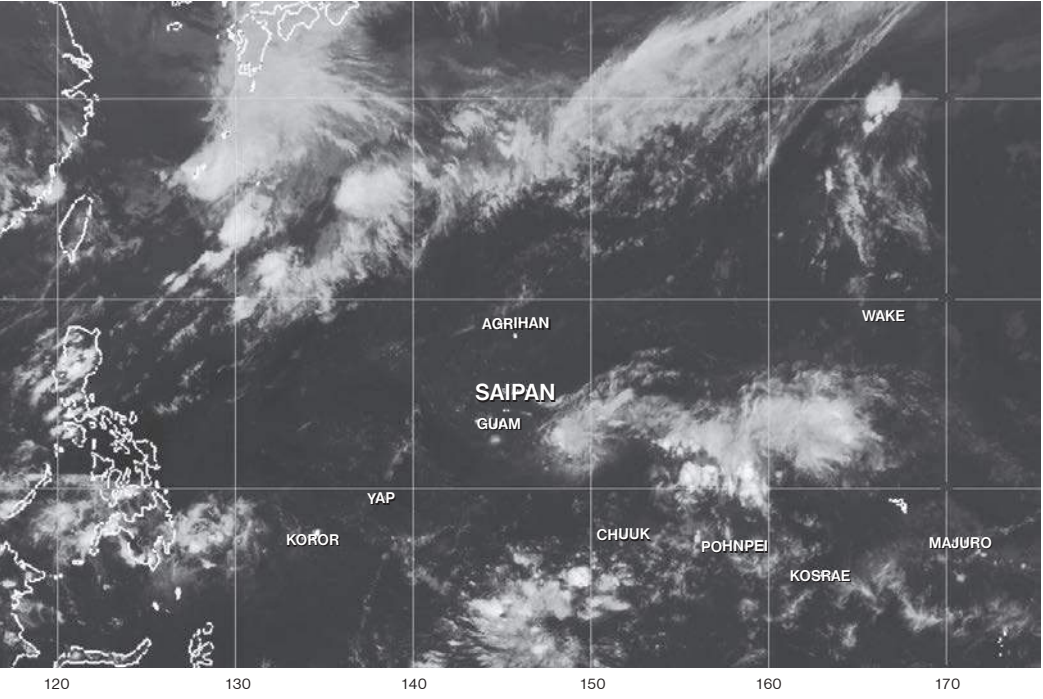
FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A modest near-equatorial trough meanders eastward from east of Koror near 5N138E through two weak circulations centered southwest of Chuuk at 5N150E and near Kosrae at 4N161E to end near Majuro at 8N171E. An upper-level trough stretches northward from southwest of Chuuk at 4N144E to a low centered near Guam at 13N146E then turns northeastward to beyond 180 at 22N. Divergent upper-level winds associated with the upper trough and low are enhancing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near the near-equatorial trough over eastern Yap and Chuuk states between 2N and 8N from 143E to 152E and also over Pohnpei state within 85 miles of a line from 9N158E to 6N156E to 1N162E. Similar weather is also occurring near the convergent trades north of the near-equatorial trough from southeast of Guam to the northern Marshall Islands between 8N and 12N from 148E to 174E. A few thunderstorms are found near the western end of the near-equatorial trough over Koror within 50 miles of a line from 8N130E to 9N135E and also near Yap within 50 miles of a line from 10N138E to 13N142E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲64	▼54
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲98	▼70
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼72
London	Showers	▲59	▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲95	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲55	▼41
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
New York	Rain	▲65	▼54
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼71
Paris	Showers	▲67	▼57
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲81	▼60
Salem	Showers	▲63	▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼61
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼69
Washington, DC	Rain	▲70	▼60



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6:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
2:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
8:52 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:44 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:27 PM	4:28 AM
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Wednesday	7:15 PM	6:06 AM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3					
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7					
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7					
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota					
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5					
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5					
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7			UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7					
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UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4					
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN								
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines;

Fiesta tops Chefs' Competition in final leg of Taste

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Fiesta Resort and Spa edged out six other hotels on Saipan in the 2015 Certified Angus Beef Chefs' Competition on Saturday in the final leg of the 2015 Taste of Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden at the American Memorial Park.

Organized by Triple J and co-ordinated by Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods general manager Jay Santos, Fiesta took the first place plum with 335 points. It bested Mariana Resort and Spa, which scored 328 points and Hyatt Regency Saipan, which had 322 points.

All hotels crafted dishes using Certified Angus Beef and albondigas (soup mixed with beef and other ingredients.)

Hyatt won last year's contest, which had the theme "Mexican Beef Tacos."

Ken Stewart, who is known as the Guam Food Guy and one of the competition's judges, said he enjoyed this year's entries.

"It topped last year's competition where we only had a few. This year there are seven and each hotel's cooks and chefs did a great job in showing their entries. It was an island-style beef soup. The soup was amazing,



Chefs from the different hotels have their picture taken after the Chef's Competition.

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Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan chefs join HANMI president Gloria Cavanaugh, second from right, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods employees, Kanoa Resort general manager Wendi Herring, second from right, and Curtis Dancoe of Atkins Kroll, far right, in a group photo after winning the Chef's Competition during the 17th Annual Taste of Marianas.

the displays, the creations, and the presentation. Every hotel did a great job," Stewart said.

The Fiesta chefs said it took them a whole day to prepare their entry. Their dish was called the "Marianas Albondigas," with tamales beef albondigas in noni salsa sauce.

Stewart noted that using noni as an ingredient is interesting. Other people at the event were also surprised that noni was used as an ingredient, which is commonly used by islanders for medicinal purposes.

Member hotels of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands look forward to this competition every year and it was a delight to see the junior chefs come out and be as cre-

ative as they are with the display and how they prepare the food.

Thousands streamed into the American Memorial Park grounds for the final leg of this year's Taste of the Marianas, creating a huge crowd. It was an even bigger turnout than the festival's first day.

The evening's entertainment included Hopwood Full 4th, Marianas Ukelele, Saipan Music and Dance School, Hopwood Simiyan Nina'la, JJ Concepcion, TRU Marianas, and Alana la.

The Taste of Marianas is also a great opportunity for visitors to experience island culture while attracting media attention to the islands from MVA's source markets.



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Mariana Resort and Spa chefs join Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods employees, Guam Food Guy Ken Stewart, far right, Curtis Dancoe, second from right, Kanoa Resort general manager Wendi Herring, forth from right, and HANMI president Gloria Cavanaugh, fifth from right, after winning second place during the Chef's Competition at the 17th Annual Taste of Marianas.



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Hyatt Regency Saipan chefs win third place during the Chef's Competition at the 17th Annual Taste of Marianas. In photo are Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods employees, Hyatt Regency Saipan chefs, HANMI president Gloria Cavanaugh, third from right, Kanoa Resort general manager Wendi Herring, second from right, and Atkins Kroll Saipan's Curtis Dancoe, far right.

First parking space for PWDs near Paseo now open



The first parking space for persons with disabilities at Coral Tree Avenue was officially opened last Thursday. Department of Public Works Secretary James Ada together with DPW staff and PWD advocate Jack Muna, standing second from right, award certificates to Kinpachi owner Misako Kamata for donating the materials used in the PWD parking space.

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A new parking space reserved for persons with disabilities near Paseo de Marianas in Garapan was officially unveiled last Thursday.

Community advocate Jack Muña said it is the only parking space for persons with disabilities in that area.

He initiated the steps to having that part of the street near Kinpachi Restaurant and across Hyatt Regency Saipan on Coral Tree Avenue be dedicated for PWDs.

Muña sought the help of the Kinpachi management who donated the materials used for the parking area and the Department of Public Works who did the labor. After a couple of months, PWDs can now enjoy going to that area without the hassle of having to park somewhere farther.

Yvonne Reyes Kapira, who was present at the unveiling, thanked Kinpachi owner Misako Kamata for her donation as the parking spot is a big help for her and the rest of the PWD community.

"This is the first time that

I did this kind of community work," Kamata said. "As long as I can help, I will do it."

DPW Secretary James Ada was thankful to be able to help and contribute to the worthwhile project.

"We want to be a part of this. This is the second that we did this year," Ada said.

According to him, they are planning to add more PWD parking spaces in various places.

"There's a need to add some more. We are just waiting for the number of whatever deficiency we have," he added.

H.O.M.E Visiting Program serves 77 families in 2014



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The CNMI H.O.M.E Visiting team of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Division of Public Health Services at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

The CNMI H.O.M.E (Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early Childhood) Visiting Program was recently acknowledged by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for efforts in improving lives of the families that the program serves in the following areas: Maternal and Newborn Health, Child Injuries, Child Maltreatment and Emergency Department Visits, School Readiness and Achievement, Family Economic Self-sufficiency, and Coordination and Referral to other Community Resources.

H.O.M.E. Visiting is funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 2014, the program completed 693 home visits and

served 77 families in the CNMI. H.O.M.E. Visiting is a program under the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Division of Public Health Services at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and has been serving families in the CNMI since May 2013.

The program is free, voluntary, and serves pregnant women and women who have recently given birth, along with their families, by providing individually-tailored support through education on their children's health, development and safety, and coordination of referrals to other needed community support services. Home visits range from weekly to quarterly, in which an assigned

Family Partner Advocate meets with a family in the convenience of their homes or at an agreed upon location. Family Partner Advocates are trained to support family functioning through the use of an evidenced-based curriculum. Other services include prenatal and well-baby check-up planning, goal setting, and developmental assessments.

The program is offered to those who qualify in the villages of Garapan, Kagman, Dandan, San Antonio, and Koblerville and has recently been expanded to the neighboring islands of Tinian and Rota. For more information regarding H.O.M.E. Visiting, contact 236-8711 or send an email to hvpcnmi@gmail.com. (CHCC)

MHS students harvest their hard earned crop

Marianas High School's "Basic Agriculture" class harvested the products of their hard work these last two months in their school plot Thursday last week.

The class of about a dozen students harvested tomatoes, water spinach, Chinese cabbage, corn, radish, snap beans, onion, okra, and string beans.

Freshman Jimmy Blanca's message Thursday was to "keep planting."

"It's healthy. It's good for our island," he said, encouraging others to get into planting. "Tomato is not a bad thing. It's good to grow. Plus the exercise is good."

"They showed interested, enthusiasm," said farmer Isidoro Cabrera of his students.

He called agriculture important for the islands' future.

"...Especially with our expanding economic base here,

there are more people, more hotels, and they always ask for locally produced fruits and vegetables.

He said the class taught students the "basics" but a lot could still be learned.

"They learned the basic way, from planting to harvest," he said.

The plot uses a nearby MHS water tank for irrigation on their 40-by-60 plot. (Jayson Camacho)



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The Marianas High School agriculture class poses with some of their harvest at their school plot Thursday.

Business

General Motors, Subaru models added to Takata air bag recall

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors and Subaru are adding vehicles to the growing list of models being recalled by 11 automakers due to potentially exploding air bags.

The U.S. government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released the model information on Friday. The vehicles are equipped with air bag inflators made by Takata Corp. of Japan that can inflate with too much force, spewing shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

Six people have been killed and more than 100 injured due to the problem.

Last week NHTSA and the government agreed to double the number of inflators it recalled to 33.8 million. But the makes and models were not available. The increase made it the largest auto recall in U.S. history, according to the agency.

The best way to tell if your car or truck is being recalled is to key in the vehicle identification number at <https://vinrel.safercar.gov/vin/>.



The number is stamped on the driver's side of the dashboard near the wind-

shield and also is on many state registration cards. Automakers are still posting recall informa-

tion by number, and the task may take several days or even weeks. So it's wise to keep checking periodically.

Here's a breakdown of the vehicles added to the recall Friday:

■ General Motors: About

375,000 Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra HD trucks from the 2007 and 2008 model years to replace passenger air bags, mainly across North America. About 330,000 of the trucks were sold in the U.S. Dealers

AP
In this Nov. 6, 2014 file photo, child seats manufactured by Takata Corp. are displayed at a Toyota Motor Corp.'s showroom in Tokyo.

will replace the inflators at no cost to customers. GM says it knows of no crashes or injuries due to performance of the air bags in these vehicles.

■ Subaru: About 60,000 vehicles added to a previous recall along the Gulf Coast for passenger air bag inflators. Recall now expanded nationally. Brings total Subaru vehicles recalled to about 81,000. Additional models include 2004-2005 Impreza and the 2005 Saab 9-2X, which was manufactured by Subaru.

On Thursday, Honda, Fiat Chrysler, BMW, Ford and Mitsubishi released their models added to the recall. Eleven automakers have vehicles included in the Takata recall expansion. Other companies include Daimler Trucks, Mazda, Nissan, and Toyota. Nissan said it would not add U.S. vehicles in the latest recall expansion. Vehicles from other automakers will be announced later.

US presses Europeans at meeting to solve Greek crisis

DRESDEN, Germany (AP)—Finance ministers from the Group of Seven wealthy democracies heard a sharp call from U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew to find agreement on more financial help for Greece.

Lew said that further delaying Europe's six-month old talks with Greece was "courting an accident"—such as a Greek default or messy exit from the euro, which could have unpredictable effects on the global and European economies.

Lew said Friday at the end of meetings in Dresden, Germany, that "too much time has been spent unproductively and the challenge is to treat this week as a week in which there has to be progress."

Greece faces large debt repayments in June on its bailout loans from the International

Monetary Fund. Despite two bailouts totaling 240 billion euros from the IMF and other countries that use the euro currency, the country has not been able to repair its finances and economy enough to pay its bills.

It faces a large payment on June 5, one of four due during the month.

Lew said that Greece needed "to make some tough decisions" on the economic reforms that are being asked in return for the money. "It has to be based on actions that Greece takes," Lew said. "I think that's the only way Greece will see what kind of flexibility they're able to get."

Finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven, or G-7, on Friday were wrapping up three days of debate and discussion, where the

official topic was not Greece but how to get the global recovery moving faster.

Officials wrestled over concerns that growth still faces risks ranging from low investment to lagging efforts to implement pro-business policies. They also talked about joint efforts to prevent multinational corporations from avoiding taxes.

Officials from host country Germany have emphasized that efforts to spur growth should not involve adding more debt through government budget deficits.

The G-7 countries are Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, and the U.S. The group is an informal forum among leading economies for discussions of financial and security issues. Germany has the rotating presidency for this year's meeting.

Carl's, Hardee's CEO: Not all models know how to eat burgers

NEW YORK (AP)—Carl's Jr. and Hardee's ads starring nearly naked women have become a part of American culture, according to Andy Puzder, CEO of the chains' parent company.

"People watch for the ads, and want to know when the next one's coming out," he says.

Some of the women were relatively unknown before they appeared in the ads. Others, such as Heidi Klum and Padma Lakshmi, were already famous. The 64-year-old chief executive says the ads "cut through the clutter" and make an impression on the younger men the burger chains court.

CKE Restaurants, the parent company of Carl's and Hardee's, is privately held and doesn't disclose financial results. But it says sales were up 5 percent at established locations in the second half of its last fiscal year.

The newest ad airs Monday and stars Sports Illustrated model Samantha Hoopes eating "The Most American Thickburger," which includes a beef patty between a split hot dog and potato chips.

Here's what Puzder had to say in an interview, trimmed and edited for clarity.

Q: How did these ads start?

A: It started with an ad agency we used to have called Mendelsohn Zien, and a guy named Jordin Mendelsohn. He came

up with the idea to use Paris Hilton in an ad and make it a very cutting edge ad, where she was washing a Bentley.

Actually, he tried to chicken out. He called and said, "I don't think we should do this ad, I want to talk to you."

But I called him back and I said, "I want to do the Paris Hilton ad."

This was 2005.

(Mendelsohn says he didn't like the initial ad his team developed, but didn't object to the final version he worked on.)

Q: How do you get women to do the commercials?

A: We have a history of picking these young women before they hit their peak. We put Kate Upton in an ad a month before she got the cover for Sports Illustrated. At the time we picked her, we just said, "This is a beautiful woman."

We just did an ad with (model and actress) Charlotte McKinney, which kind of created Charlotte McKinney. It was her walking through a farmer's market. You think she's naked until the end, and you see she's got clothes on. It's for the all-natural burger.

Q: Do models now see Carl's Jr. ads as a platform?

A: We did an ad last summer where (Sports Illustrated model)



Puzder

Hannah Ferguson was washing a big Ford pickup truck for the Texas barbecue burger. We did an event in Texas and I was talking to her. She said, "All us girls at Sports Illustrated, we all talk about who's going to do the next Carl's Jr.

ad and how can we be the model that does the next ad?"

(A representative for Ferguson says she never made the statement.)

And Padma's manager contacted us. You know who Padma is?

Q: Padma Lakshmi?

A: Yeah, Padma actually put in one of her cookbooks how when she was modeling as a teenager, her parents moved to Los Angeles. They couldn't eat meat, right? But she would sneak out to a Carl's Jr. and get a Western Bacon Cheeseburger, and then lick the barbecue sauce off her fingers when she got home, so her parents couldn't tell.

Padma's manager called and said, "Did you see this in the book?"

So we put her in an ad where she eats a Western Bacon Cheeseburger.

We get a lot of actresses, whose names I won't tell you, who contact us, who we don't end up using in the ad because they're not right for the brand.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Turkey seizes bank associated with US-based Muslim cleric

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey's banking regulator says a state fund has seized a bank associated with a movement led by the U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, which authorities have accused of attempting to destabilize the government. The banking agency said late Friday the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund had taken full control of Bank Asya, citing "problems" within its financial structure. It said the move aimed to safeguard trust and stability in Turkey's financial system. Critics say the takeover is part of a government

crackdown on the movement it accuses of orchestrating a corruption scandal in 2013 to topple it. Hundreds of police and judiciary officials suspected of ties to the movement have been dismissed. In February, the state took over Bank Asya's management and appointed a new board of directors.

AmEx president dies suddenly after falling ill on flight

American Express said company President Ed Gilligan died suddenly Friday after falling ill while flying on a corporate plane to New York. Gilligan, 55, was coming back from a business trip.

The plane made an emergency landing in the U.S., an American Express spokeswoman said. She declined to say where Gilligan had been.

"This is deeply painful and frankly unimaginable for all of us who had the great fortune to work with Ed," said American Express CEO Ken Chenault, in a letter to employees Friday. Gilligan began working at the New York credit card issuer and global payments company 35 years ago as an intern. He was named president of the company in 2013 and reported to Chenault. American Express said he is survived by his wife and four children. (AP)

Nation

More heavy rain but no new serious flooding in Houston area

ROSENBERG, Texas (AP)—The seemingly ceaseless rain swept across areas of Texas again on Saturday, bringing fears of renewed flooding but no new serious problems.

At least 31 people have been killed in storms that began in Texas and Oklahoma over Memorial Day weekend. Twenty-seven of the deaths have been in Texas alone, and 11 people were still missing Saturday.

As much as 3 1/2 inches of rain fell Saturday afternoon and evening in Houston. Officials said bayous were responding well and no new evacuations were ordered or recommended in low-lying and riverfront areas of Southeast Texas outside the nation's fourth-largest city.

The Brazos River southwest of Houston was the main area of concern as floodwaters moved from North and Central Texas downstream toward the Gulf of Mexico. Floyd Preston's home in the Houston suburb of Rosenberg is about 100 yards from the flooded river and three houses from a police barricade marking the evacuation zone.



AP
In this aerial photo, people canoe through floodwaters past a stop sign near Bear Creek Park Saturday, May 30, 2015, in Houston.

"I'm going to stay for the time being. This is not the first time for a flood. One way or another, when your time comes, it could be on dry land or wa-

ter," the 66-year-old said as he was trimming his lawn, adding that the closest floodwaters had gotten in the past was about 50 yards away.

A creek that empties into the Brazos River—which reached 49 feet and is expected to rise until Monday morning and crest at 50 feet—went up 4

feet between the time Ricky McCullough, 47, and a friend measured it on Friday night and Saturday morning. An alligator poked its snout above water as he talked, followed by a black water moccasin slithering along the muddied water.

"I'm concerned about it enough, but I'm a lot more

concerned because we have a lot of older people living down here," he said.

Former NFL running back Earnest Jackson, who played for San Diego, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia after his time at Texas A&M, has lived in the neighborhood for 45 years. His take: "I ain't afraid of it."

About 60 miles southwest of Houston in Wharton, an evacuation order for about 30 homes in a low-lying area along the west bank of the Colorado River was lifted Saturday evening after the river crested about 3 1/2 feet above flood stage.

Earlier in the week, the Colorado River in Wharton and the San Jacinto River near Houston were threatening homes, but the National Weather Service said both are expected to recede below flood stage by Sunday.

In Central Texas, about 2,000 volunteers and 100 members of an elite search and rescue team looked for a group of people whose vacation house was swept away in a massive flood on the Blanco River.

Vice President Joe Biden's son Beau dies of brain cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Beau Biden, who followed his father, Vice President Joe Biden, into politics and was twice elected attorney general of Delaware, died Saturday of brain cancer less than two years after he was diagnosed. Beau Biden was 46.

The younger Biden, who suffered a series of health problems in recent years, was hospitalized this month at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington for then-undisclosed reasons. He suffered a mild stroke in 2010 and three years later underwent surgery at a Texas cancer center to remove what was described as a small lesion.

He announced last year that he would not seek a third term as attorney general and planned to run for governor in 2016.

"It is with broken hearts that Hallie, Hunter, Ashley, Jill and I announce the passing of our husband, brother and son, Beau, after he battled brain cancer with the same integrity, courage and strength he demonstrated every day of his life," the vice president said late Saturday in announcing the death of his second child. An infant daughter was killed in a car accident more than four decades ago.

"The entire Biden family is saddened beyond words. We know that Beau's spirit will live on in all of us—especially through his brave wife, Hallie, and two remarkable children," he said.

President Barack Obama said he and his wife, Michelle, were grieving alongside the Biden family.

"Michelle and I humbly pray for the good Lord to watch over Beau Biden, and to protect and comfort his family here on Earth," Obama said in a separate statement.

The vice president said his son had dedicated his life to serving others during stints as a lawyer, a major in the Delaware National Guard and as state attorney general. Beau Biden served a yearlong deployment in Iraq and was awarded a Bronze Star.

He most recently was with the Wilmington, Delaware, law firm Grant & Eisenhofer, where he focused on securities litigation and whistleblower cases.

"More than his professional accomplishments, Beau measured himself as a husband, father, son and brother," said Joe

Biden, who was at his son's side at the time of his death, along with the rest of the Biden family. "His absolute honor made him a role model for our family. Beau embodied my father's saying that a parent knows success when his child turns out better than he did."

"In the words of the Biden family: Beau Biden was, quite simply, the finest man any of us have ever known," the vice president added.

Beau Biden was first diagnosed with brain cancer in August 2013. He underwent surgery at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston to remove a lesion and was treated with radiation and chemotherapy before doctors gave him a clean bill of health three months later.

Former Md. Gov. O'Malley jumps into the 2016 Democratic race

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP)—Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley entered the Democratic presidential race on Saturday in a longshot challenge to Hillary Rodham Clinton for the 2016 nomination, casting himself as a new generation leader who would rebuild the economy and reform Wall Street.

"I'm running for you," he told a crowd of about 1,000 people in a populist message at Federal Hill Park in Baltimore, where he served as mayor before two terms as governor. O'Malley said was drawn into the campaign "to rebuild the truth of the American dream for all Americans."

Following his announcement, O'Malley promptly headed to Iowa, where he is seeking to become the primary alternative to Clinton in the leadoff caucus state. Before more than fifty people at a union hall in Davenport, he touted his executive experience and called for economic reforms, drawing enthusiastic applause.

"We are still in just as grave a danger of having Wall Street excesses wreck our economy again and there's not a need for it. When wealth concentrates as it has, it also concentrates and

collects power and we have to retake control of our own government," said O'Malley, who has made frequent visits to Iowa in recent months.

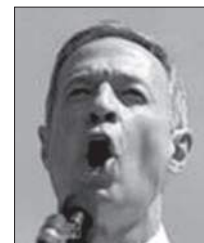
O'Malley, who will appear in New Hampshire Sunday, remains largely unknown in a field dominated by Clinton. Already in the race is Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who could be O'Malley's main rival for the support of the Democratic left.

An ally of former President Bill Clinton, O'Malley was the second governor to endorse Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2007.

But he made clear that he thinks Democrats deserve a choice in the 2016 primary.

"The presidency is not a crown to be passed back and forth ... between two royal families," O'Malley said. "It is a sacred trust to be earned from the people of the United States, and exercised on behalf of the people of the United States."

He pointed to recent news reports that Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein would be "fine" with either Clinton or former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a leading Republican contender and the son and brother of presidents, in the White House.



O'Malley

ACROSS THE NATION

Hastert indictment has Illinois hometown sifting memories

YORKVILLE, Ill. (AP)—Before he was U.S. House speaker and second in line to the president, Dennis Hastert was known around Yorkville, Illinois, as Denny the coach, a beloved mentor to youths on the high school wrestling team and in local Scouting groups who organized trips to broaden the students' experiences. This week's indictment accusing Hastert of manipulating bank accounts and lying to the FBI to allegedly cover up past "misconduct" has left hometown admirers searching back through fond memories and struggling

to understand how alleged sexual abuse and extortion could have emerged from that period. Many former wrestlers and Yorkville-area residents who spoke to The Associated Press since the indictment on Thursday spoke only warmly of Hastert, some athletes saying Hastert was a father figure as he guided them to championships. They couldn't recall anything suspicious about the trips, including ones to the Bahamas and Canada. And none had a clue about who could have made such accusations against the coach.

Woman tosses Apple computer that turns out

to be worth \$200K

MILPITAS, Calif. (AP)—Her electronic waste is someone else's treasure. A recycling center in the Silicon Valley is looking for a woman who dropped off an old Apple computer that turned out to be a collectible item worth \$200,000. The computer was inside boxes of electronics that she had cleaned out from her garage after her husband died, said Victor Gichun, the vice president of Clean Bay Area. She didn't want a tax receipt or leave her contact information, and it wasn't until a few weeks later that workers opened the boxes to discover an Apple I computer inside. The San Jose Mercury News

reports it was one of only about 200 first-generation desktop computers assembled by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ron Wayne in 1976. "We really couldn't believe our eyes. We thought it was fake," Gichun told KNTV-TV. The recycling firm sold the Apple I for \$200,000 to a private collection, and because the company gives 50 percent of items sold back to the original owner, Gichun said he wants to split the proceeds with the mystery donor. He said he remembers what she looks like and is asking her to come back to claim her \$100,000 check. "To prove who she is," Gichun said, "I just need to look at her."

Asia

Impasse over China's island-building shows no sign of easing

SINGAPORE (AP)—China vigorously defended its South China Sea land reclamation projects in the face of persistent criticism from U.S. leaders at an international security summit Saturday as the standoff in the Asia-Pacific region shows few signs of abating.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter and other officials sharply condemned the artificial island-building, but provided no details on what steps the U.S. may take to press China into diplomatic talks.

Carter said China's land reclamation was out of step with international rules, and that turning underwater land into airfields would not expand its sovereignty.

He and others said the U.S. opposes "any further militarization" of the disputed lands. That was a reference to two large motorized artillery vehicles that officials said China had placed on one of the artificial islands.

Chinese officials, in public statements and a private meeting, defended the construction and slammed the U.S. for interfering.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said the U.S. was "making absurd remarks about China's



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In this Monday, May 25, 2015 photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a Dolphin Z-9 helicopter of China's Navy missile frigate CNS Yulin flies off the deck of Singapore's Navy missile frigate RSS Intrepid during the "Exercise Maritime Cooperation 2015" by Singapore and Chinese navies in the South China Sea.

tries must engage if they are to build a better relationship and lessen the chances for misunderstandings.

But, he said, "we always have the option of changing our approach."

He also said he was concerned by the artillery weapons, which were discovered at least several weeks ago. Two U.S. officials who are familiar with intelligence about the vehicles say they have been removed. The officials weren't authorized to discuss the intelligence and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The Pentagon would not release any photos to support its contention that the vehicles were there.

China's assertive behavior in the South China Sea has become an increasingly sore point in relations with the United States, even as President Barack Obama and China's President Xi Jinping have tried to deepen cooperation in other areas, such as climate change.

ASIAN BRIEFS

McCain: US should allow sale of defensive weapons to Vietnam

SINGAPORE (AP)—America needs to provide Vietnam with more defensive weapons, U.S. Sen. John McCain said Saturday as tensions in the Asia Pacific region heightened over China's expanding land reclamation projects in the South China Sea. But U.S. efforts so far are focused on delivering some of the limited maritime weapons allowed under last fall's easing of the weapons sales ban on Hanoi. According to a senior U.S. official, Defense Secretary Ash Carter will meet with Vietnam officials in the coming days to discuss the U.S. providing the defensive maritime weapons already allowed. Carter spoke at an international security conference here Saturday at the start of an 11-day Asia trip.

12 hurt in Japan quake as life returns to normal

TOKYO (AP)—Twelve people suffered minor injuries and businesses returned to normal Sunday after a powerful earthquake near remote Japanese islands shook most of the country the previous night, but it was well beneath the earth's surface and did not trigger a tsunami. The magnitude-7.8 quake struck off the Ogasawara islands Saturday night at a depth of 678 kilometers (421 miles), the U.S. Geological Survey said. It was

long-established sovereignty and rights, stirring up trouble and slinging accusations regarding China's appropriate and rational construction activities on its islands. China resolutely opposes this."

followed by a magnitude-6.4 quake Sunday morning off Japan's Izu islands, which are north of the Ogasawaras. The latest quake struck at a depth of 8 miles (13 kilometers) with the epicenter 390 miles (630 kilometers) southeast of Tokyo. It was not strong enough to generate a tsunami warning or close enough to the islands to cause any significant damage or injuries, said John Bellini, a USGS geophysicist in Golden, Colorado. He said it is considered a separate seismic event and not an aftershock from Saturday's quake.

15 wounded in 2 explosions in restive southern PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least 15 people have been wounded in two separate blasts that hit a police camp in a restive southern Philippine province where Muslim militants operate, police said Saturday. The first explosion was caused by a grenade near a mosque at the police compound in the Sulu provincial capital of Jolo late Friday, according to a police report. It was followed minutes later by a more powerful blast from a homemade bomb. At least five civilians, including three children, and 10 policemen were wounded. No group has claimed responsibility for the blast, but police suspect the Abu Sayyaf group, which has had links to al-Qaida.

David Shear, the assistant U.S. defense secretary for Asian issues, told reporters that a private meeting with Chinese Rear Adm. Guan Youfei, the chief of foreign affairs at the defense ministry, was "spirited and candid."

"There aren't any silver bullets to resolving this," said Shear. "It's going to take time,

and it's going to take some determined diplomacy by us and with our partners."

At the conference, U.S. senators and officials from other Pacific nations questioned whether the U.S. would take action.

Carter and other officials, including Adm. Harry Harris, who just took over U.S. Pacific Command, declined to

talk about what diplomatic or military steps the U.S. would be willing to take.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the U.S. should not invite China to a major military exercise in the Pacific in 2016. But Harris said China has already been invited, and that the two coun-

North Korean ex-POWs hope to return home before they die

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—After the Korean War ended in 1953, Kim Myeong Bok and 75 other North Korean prisoners of war detained in South Korea opted to live abroad rather than risk hostile welcomes in either half of their homeland. Now he wants to come home, though he may find little more than rejection and suspicion.

Amid the Koreans' intense Cold War rivalry, they were labeled traitors, opportunists or fence-sitters. The fates of several North Korean POWs who voluntarily returned home are unknown. Many others have died abroad one by one, and now less than a dozen are believed to be alive.

Kim, now 79 and living in Brazil, is trying to return to his North Korean hometown, at the arrangement of a movie director who's making a documentary on him and his fellow ex-POWs.

He doesn't have North Korea's approval yet and may never get it, though he will at least visit the South. He knows this is probably his last chance to try to go home.

"I've missed my parents a lot, particularly my mother, who took me to a church and told me to believe in Jesus Christ," Kim said, speaking

from the remote Brazilian city of Cuiaba during a recent video interview. "I want to go to the place where my church stood, but it must have been pulled down by now."

Kim lowered his head and wiped away tears when he said

his mother often came to his mind whenever he faced difficulties in life. "Forgive me," he said, weeping.

Kim and most of the other POWs who left the Korean Peninsula settled in South America. None could have expected that

their homeland would remain so bitterly divided for so long. With an armistice signed but not a peace treaty, the peninsula remains technically at war, with combat troops still facing each other along Earth's most heavily fortified border.

Heat wave eases in India after killing nearly 2,000 people

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—Showers and thunderstorms in parts of southern India on Saturday helped eased a weeklong summer heat wave that has claimed nearly 2,000 lives.

The intense heat, however, was expected to continue in some areas of worst-hit Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states for another 24 hours, said Y.K. Reddy, an Indian Meteorological Department director.

Heat-related conditions, including dehydration and heat stroke, have killed at least 1,490 people in Andhra Pradesh and 489 in Telangana since mid-April, according to state officials.

Daytime temperatures hovered between 40 and 45 degrees Celsius (104 and 113 degrees Fahrenheit) in the two states on Saturday, after soaring to as high as 48 C (118 F) earlier in the week, the meteorological department said.



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A strong thunderstorm brought some relief from the stifling heat to Anantapur, a town in Andhra Pradesh, though the storm uprooted trees and electricity poles and cut power in some areas.

People also heaved sighs of relief in the Telangana state

capital of Hyderabad and Telangana's Mehubnagar district, which recorded 1 centimeter (.39 inch) of rain.

However, at least four districts—Guntur, Krishna and East Godavari in Andhra Pradesh, and Nalgonda in Telangana—were still in the grip of the heat wave, the meteorological department said, adding that they would likely get some relief in the next 24 hours due to rain in nearby areas.

Cooling monsoon rains are expected next week in southern India before gradually advancing north. The monsoon season will last until the end of September.

Forecasting service AccuWeather warned Friday of prolonged drought conditions in India, with the monsoon likely to be disrupted by a more active typhoon season over the Pacific.

World

Child sex abuse claims shake UN as revelations continue

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The boys said they approached the French soldiers because they were hungry. Some were so young they didn't quite understand the acts the soldiers demanded in return. One boy, 8 or 9 years old, said he did it several times to the same soldier, "until one day an older kid saw him and told him what he was doing was bad."

Another boy, 9, said he thought the soldiers had been urinating.

U.N. investigators heard such stories of sexual abuse from several boys in May and June 2014 in Central African Republic, where French soldiers were protecting a sprawling displaced persons camp in the conflict-torn capital, Bangui.

One year later, revelations about how the U.N. handled the boys' accounts have horrified people both inside and outside the world body. Statements marked "strictly confidential" have shown that its top human rights officials failed to follow up for several months on the allegations their own office had collected.

On Saturday, the high commissioner for human rights, Zeid Raad al-Hussein, said his office was sending a team to Central

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In this Feb. 13, 2006, file photo, Anders Kompass, the U.N. High Commission for Human Rights representative in Guatemala, speaks with members of the media during a news conference in Guatemala City.



African Republic to look into what the statement called "possible further measures to address human rights violations," including sexual violence. The office also will ask "concerned states" what they have done to investi-

gate them and prosecute anyone.

No arrests have been announced, and it's not clear where the accused soldiers, who were supporting a U.N. peacekeeping force, are now. The U.N. seems unable to say when

the abuses stopped, or how long it continued to investigate.

On Friday, more documents were released by a non-governmental organization run by two former U.N. staffers that's calling for an independent investiga-

tion into the case. The documents show U.N. officials scrambling not so much to help a French inquiry into the allegations but to investigate the human rights staffer who told French authorities in the first place.

A separate report with the children's allegations, obtained by The Associated Press, says the first account was heard May 19 by a human rights staffer and a UNICEF child protection officer. The interviews continued through June 24. A Geneva-based human rights staffer shared the report with French authorities in July.

The boys' accounts are simple and stark. An 11-year-old said he had gone "looking for empty wrappings to play with" when a French soldier first called him over, later giving the boy food and a little money in exchange for oral sex. Another boy, 9, "had been severely beaten by his mother when he told her what had happened."

Activists say Syrian army strikes kill 70 people in Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian army airstrikes killed at least 70 people, most of them civilians, and wounded scores in attacks Saturday in the northern province of Aleppo that struck civilian areas, including a packed market in a town held by the Islamic State group, activists said.

The deaths occurred in two separate incidents when helicopters dropped explosives-filled barrels. One barrel hit the rebel-held Shaar neighborhood of the city of Aleppo, killing at least 12 people, most of them from the same family. They included three children and four women, according to the Brit-

ain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The other attack was far deadlier, hitting a busy market known as Souk al-Hal in the Islamic State-held town of al-Bab in Aleppo's countryside. The Observatory said at least 59 people were killed and dozens wounded, calling it the one of the worst massacres perpetrated by President Bashar Assad's army this year. It said the number of dead likely would rise because many of the wounded were in critical condition.

The Local Coordination Committees reported more than 50 people killed and around 70

wounded in the al-Bab attack. Both groups document violence through a network of activists on the ground in Syria.

Al-Bab is controlled by the Islamic State group, which also confirmed the attack in a statement posted on Twitter. It said 50 people were killed in a "devastating massacre" committed by Syrian army helicopters.

The United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, strongly condemned the barrel-bomb attacks, in a statement released Sunday. He said such "indiscriminate" aerial attacks were responsible for "the overwhelming majority of the civilian

victims in the Syrian conflict."

De Mistura said it is "totally unacceptable that the Syrian air force attacks its own territory in an indiscriminate way, killing its own citizens, as it brutally happened today in Aleppo."

Aleppo, once Syria's commercial hub, has been divided between government and opposition forces since mid-2012, and fighting there has raged since. Government warplanes have dropped explosives-filled barrels on rebel-held neighborhoods, killing thousands while Syrian rebels have shelled residential areas in government-held parts of the contested city, killing hundreds.

Egypt frees Egyptian-American sentenced to life in prison

CAIRO (AP)—Egyptian authorities freed an Egyptian-American on Saturday who was sentenced to life in prison and had been on hunger strike for over a year, forcing him to renounce his Egyptian citizenship as a precondition of his release.

Mohammed Soltan, the son of a prominent member of the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, had been convicted on charges of financing an anti-government sit-in and spreading "false news," one of thousands imprisoned after the 2013 military overthrow of Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

Soltan's release comes amid international criticism over Egypt's mass trials and imprisonments, and only days before President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi travels to Germany on a state visit.

Soltan, a 27-year-old Ohio State University graduate and former Barack Obama campaigner, was arrested in August 2013 when security forces came looking for his father at his home. His family said they didn't find the father at the time, but arrested him instead. His father, Salah, was detained later.

Soltan had had been on a hunger strike over his detention for over 16 months and his family said his health had been rapidly deteriorating.

Egyptian officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to brief journalists, said Soltan boarded a flight for

Frankfurt, Germany, early Saturday en route to the United States, using a U.S. passport.

Waleed Nasser, one of the lawyers representing Soltan, said that he was forced to renounce his Egyptian citizenship in order to secure his release. A decree el-Sissi issued in November allows him to deport foreign defendants convicted or accused of crimes.

Nasser said Soltan required a wheelchair and was traveling with a nurse and U.S. State Department official, with plans to arrive in Washington on Saturday night.

In a statement, Soltan's family thanked those who helped work for his release, saying that the U.S. government had made extensive efforts to secure his return home.

"Mohammed's health is dire," his family said. "He will receive medical treatment as soon as he arrives on U.S. soil and will spend the immediate future with his family recovering."

A State Department statement released Saturday welcomed Soltan's release.

"We believe this step brings a conclusion to this case and we are glad Mr. Soltan will now be reunited with his family in the United States," it said.

A criminal court in April sentenced Soltan to life, while upholding death sentences for 14 people, including his father and Brotherhood leader Mohammed Badie, and sentencing 36 others to life in prison, including three Egyptian journalists.

Suicide bomber, rocket grenades kill 30 in Nigerian city

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—A suicide bomb blast outside a mosque and rocket-propelled grenades that exploded into homes as people slept killed at least 30 people in the Nigerian city Maiduguri on Saturday, residents and officials said.

The explosion killed people who were prostrating themselves for afternoon prayers outside the mosque, including traders from the nearby crowded marketplace in the largest city in Nigeria's troubled northeast, survivors said.

Trader Ali Bakomi said the bomber was pushing a wheelbarrow and pretending to be an itinerant trader when he joined them. Borno state Gov. Kashim

Shettima toured the scene where one wall was reduced to rubble and another was splattered with blood. Officials told him the bomber killed himself and 16 other people.

Earlier Saturday, rocket-propelled grenades killed at least 13 others in the city and injured more, according to resident Id-rissa Mandara. Such grenades are a new tactic that has brought terror to the city that is the birthplace of Boko Haram.

Mari Madu, another resident, said he counted 40 thunderous blasts that began around 1 a.m. before he lost count.

"Each time they fired into the town, we saw bright sparkling flashes which moved with great

speed ... One of the blasts shook my roof so badly that I thought it must have landed on my house," he said.

Several homes were destroyed in the suburb Dala-Lawanti, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) west of the city center, he said.

He counted 13 people killed in his compound: six men, five children and two women.

An intelligence officer said Boko Haram was firing the rocket-propelled grenades. Soldiers fired heavy assault rifles in response, said the officer, who insisted on anonymity because he is not supposed to give information to journalists.

Civilian self-defense fighters patrolled until dawn to ensure

the Islamic extremists did not get through barriers of sandbags and trenches, said one of the fighters, Abbas Gava.

The nearly 6-year-old Islamic uprising in northeastern Nigeria has killed an estimated 13,000 people. Maiduguri's population of 2 million has swelled with hundreds of thousands of refugees who have been forced from their homes.

A multinational offensive this year forced the insurgents from towns where they had declared an Islamic caliphate but suicide bombings and hit-and-run attacks continue.

On Friday, twin explosions at a village wedding venue killed seven people.

Health & Fitness

More cancer successes with drugs that enlist aid of immune system

CHICAGO (AP)—For the first time, a major study shows that a drug targeting the body's disease-fighting immune system may improve survival for the most common form of lung cancer.

These newer kinds of drugs have transformed treatment of melanoma, the deadliest kind of skin cancer. Studies presented at a conference Friday suggest these "immune therapies" can play a broader role in more common cancers, including lung, liver, colon and head and neck.

Doctors also may have found a way to help predict which patients would respond best to one of these newer treatments, according to research presented at the Chicago meeting. Immune therapy drugs are aimed at helping the body's immune system recognize and attack cancer.

The lung cancer study tested Bristol-Myers Squibb's Opdivo (op-DEE-voh), which blocks a protein that prevents the immune system from attacking cancer cells. It worked better than chemotherapy for patients with a form of non-small cell lung cancer that is diagnosed in more than 120,000 people nationwide each year.

Opdivo, also called nivolumab, was approved in March for a less common form of lung cancer, and late last year for

melanoma. Two other immunotherapies are approved for melanoma—Keytruda and Yervoy.

"These drugs are among the most promising drugs that have come along" in many years, said Dr. Richard Schilsky, chief medical officer for the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the meeting's organizer.

"What we're seeing is ... a broader scope of activity for these drugs," Schilsky said.

Any success against lung cancer is considered welcome. Patients are often diagnosed when the disease is advanced. It's the No. 1 cancer killer in the country—about 220,000 men and women are expected to be diagnosed this year and nearly 160,000 people will die of the disease, the American Cancer Society estimates.

In the new study, almost 600 patients were randomly assigned to receive infusions of Opdivo or the chemotherapy drug docetaxel every two weeks. Median survival was just over 12 months for Opdivo patients versus about nine months for chemo patients. That difference might seem unremarkable, but long-term survival chances are generally slim for these patients.

Tumors shrank in almost 20 percent of Opdivo patients versus about 12 percent of the others.

Study sees benefits from more extensive breast cancer surgery

CHICAGO (AP)—Having a little extra tissue taken off during breast cancer surgery greatly lowers the risk that some cancer will be left behind and require a second operation, according to a new study that could change care for more than 100,000 women in the United States alone each year.

Women having a lump removed dread learning there was a positive margin, an area at the edge of the tumor that looked healthy but turned out to harbor cancer when studied later. There are no good ways to tell during the surgery whether the doctor has gotten it all.

The new study tested cavity shaving—routinely removing an extra thin slice all around the margins—as a way to lower this risk.

"With a very simple technique of taking a little more tissue at the first operation we can reduce the chances that somebody would need to go back to the operating room a second time by 50 percent," said the study leader, Yale Cancer Center's Dr. Anees Chagpar. "When you think

about the emotional impact, let alone the economic impact, of those second surgeries, that's a big deal."

The study was discussed Saturday at an American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in Chicago and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine. Chagpar and some independent experts said the results were strong enough that many surgeons may adopt the new technique.

More than 230,000 breast cancers are diagnosed each year in the United States and the vast majority of women have surgery, in most cases just to remove the tumor rather than an entire breast. Between 20 and 40 percent wind up with positive margins, even up to 50 percent, some studies have found.

The study rigorously tested cavity shaving. First, 235 women were given the usual surgery and while they were still in the operating room, doctors opened letters telling them what to do next. Roughly half of the women were randomly assigned to get the extra cavity shave.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF †Vicente N. Cruz

Lovingly known as "Ben"

Born on July 22, 1969 and was called by our Lord Jesus Christ to his eternal rest on Monday, May 25, 2015 at the age of 45.

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Manuel Lizama Cruz
†Rosamistica Ngirarois Cruz
God Parents: †Edward A. Villagomez/Gregoria L. Agulto
Nephews: †Emmanuel Y. Cruz
†Angel C. Sablan
Godson: †Brandon L. Cruz
Parents In-Law: †Rosa M. Borja
Brothers/Sisters In-Law: †Herman/Lydia Palacios
†Antonio M. Borja
†George Benavente

He will be extremely missed and forever remembered in the hearts of his:

Children & Grandchild: Lucy M. Borja
Melanie B. Cruz/Karl Nabors
Vicente B. Cruz (Greg R. Cruz)
Dachelbai B. Cruz
Denise B. Cruz
Britney Camacho
Lorraine M. Manglona
Shantel Basa/Peter Cepeda[Dre]
Raina Basa

Siblings In-Law: Jose/Adrianna Cruz
Marvin/Jovie N. Cruz [Marvin Jr. Ana Mae, Germaine]
Anna Marie/Henry San Nicolas [Marissa, Henry Jr. Miyako, Guillermina, Rose Sylvia/Jesse San Nicolas(Jessilyn)]
Laura/Chad Palacios [Myrese, Phillip, Chelsery, Chad Jr.]
Marla/Rudeinn Sablan [Victor, Victoria, Meresob]
Manuel/Nattie Cruz [John, Audrein, Rose, Manuel II, Raphael Vincent]
Manuela/Rodel Manlulu [Alfred/Nancy(Bianca), Rodel, Romer (Tianna Mae), Rosalia, Ronie]
God Children: Tianna Emul, Joey Ray Santos
Family Friends: Renato/†Zoraida Pascual, Josie Tanguillan, Robert Mikel, Frank Aderuwangl

He will be additionally missed by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, Nephews, Nieces and extended Family Members & Friends...

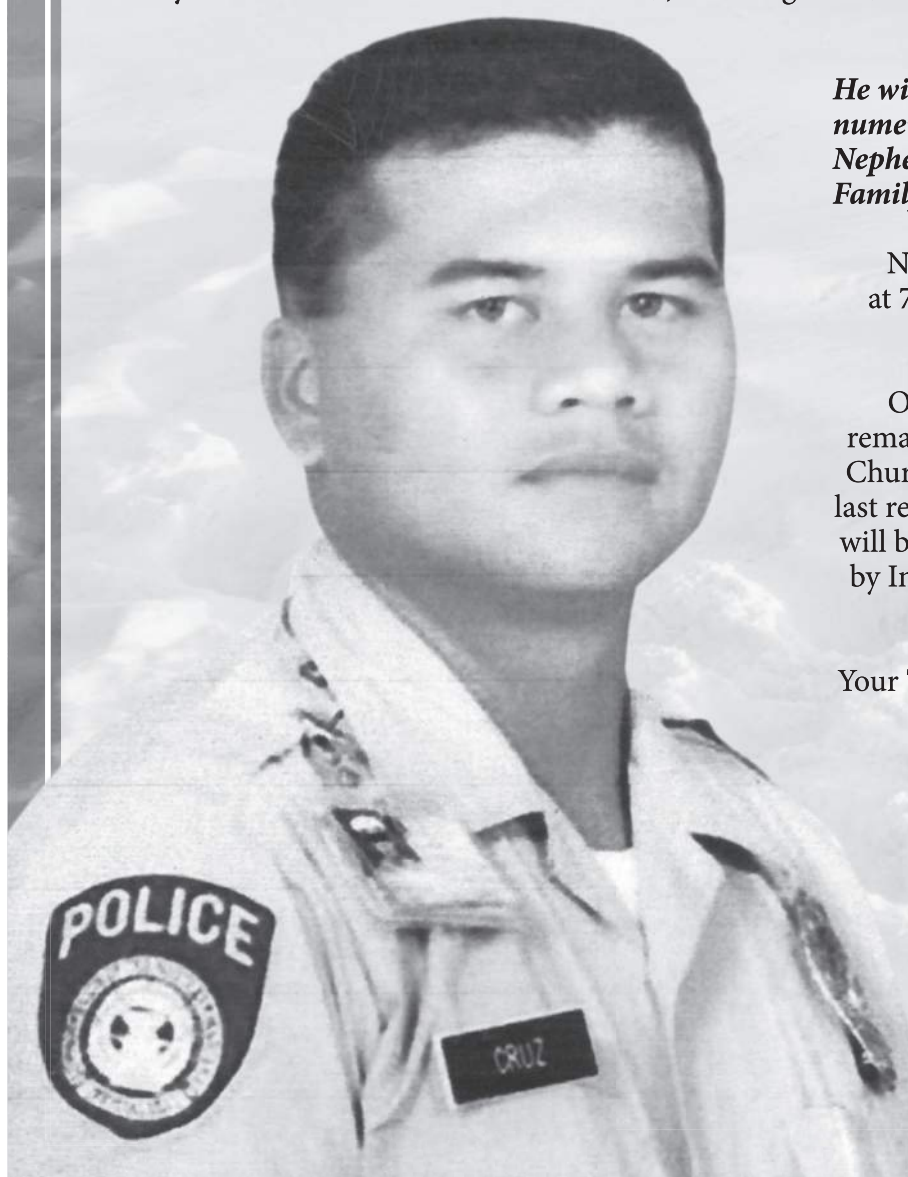
Nightly Rosaries is being said at 7:30 p.m. at the Tinian Health Center Morgue.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015, his remains will be escorted to San Jose Church at 8:00 a.m. for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. followed by Interment Services at the Tinian Cemetery.

Your Thoughts, Prayers and Presence are Sincerely Appreciated.

**Un Dangkulo Na
Si'Yuus Ma'ase**

Ginen I Familia



Life & Style

Judge delays case after 'Suge' Knight hires Jackson lawyer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge on Friday delayed the murder trial of Marion "Suge" Knight after the former rap music mogul hired the attorney who successfully defended Michael Jackson against child molestation charges.

The appearance of attorney Thomas Mesereau prompted the judge to reschedule a hearing on a motion by Knight to dismiss murder, attempted murder and hit-and-run charges. The motion was pushed back until July 7 to give Mesereau time to file his own legal documents and get more familiar with the case.

Knight is accused of running over two men outside a Compton burger stand in January, killing one and seriously injuring the other. He has pleaded not guilty.

Mesereau is the fourth attorney to represent Knight since he was arrested.

"I am convinced he is innocent," Mesereau said outside court, adding that he would make no further comments.

Mesereau told Superior Court Judge Ronald Coen that he was concerned about Knight's treatment in jail.

The lawyer said Knight is

being denied visits with family and phone calls.

"I don't think he's being treated humanely," Mesereau told the judge.

Coen said that wasn't entirely true and that he had entered a sealed order about Knight's rights in jail at the request of sheriff's officials that prosecutors did not know about.

Knight missed a court hearing Wednesday after telling deputies he was too sick to come to court.



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The judge told Mesereau that he had ordered deputies to forcibly bring the Death Row Records co-founder to court if necessary.

"It won't happen again," the judge said of such absences.

Knight was a key player in the gangster rap scene that flourished in the 1990s, and his label once listed Dr. Dre, Tupac Shakur and Snoop Dogg among its artists. He lost control of the company after it was forced into bankruptcy.

Knight has prior felony convictions for armed robbery and assault with a gun.

In 1995, he pleaded no con-

test and was sentenced to five years' probation for assaulting two rap entertainers at a Hollywood recording studio in 1992.

Jury convicts TV actor Diamond of misdemeanors in stabbing

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. (AP)—TV actor Dustin Diamond was convicted Friday of two misdemeanors stemming from a bar-room fight, but a Wisconsin jury cleared the former "Saved by the Bell" actor of the most serious felony charge.



Diamond

couldn't comment as he left the courtroom after a 13-hour day of testimony and jury deliberations.

Diamond, who played the character Screech on the popular 1990s show, said some people had wanted to

shake his hand and pose for photos at the bar, but that others were badgering him and his girlfriend, Amanda Schutz. He said he was trying to scare bar patrons in Port Washington after his girlfriend was punched in the face.

"I felt like we were being set up for antagonistic purposes," he said.

Witnesses testified that Schutz pushed one woman at the bar and grabbed another woman's hand, initiating the incident. Schutz also faces a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge.

B.B. King recalled with love, humor at Mississippi funeral

INDIANOLA, Miss. (AP)—B.B. King's early life personified the blues: He was born to dirt-poor sharecroppers in the cotton country of the Mississippi Delta and left alone by the deaths of his mother and grandmother when he was a child. But he never let those circumstances hold him back or define him, a minister said Saturday at the funeral of the blues legend.

"Hands that once picked cotton would someday pick guitar strings on a national and international stage. Amazing," the Rev. Herron Wilson said in a standing-room-only sanctuary at Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church in King's hometown of Indianola, Mississippi.

King, whose distinctive guitar style influenced generations

of entertainers, was 89 when he died May 14 in Las Vegas. At his request, his body was returned to his native Mississippi for a final homecoming.

"He will forever be the king of the blues," Stevie Wonder said in a spoken tribute that was played at the funeral, although he did not attend.

About 500 people filled the sanctuary of the church, a red brick structure that sits in a field off of B.B. King Road in Indianola. More than 200 people who couldn't get into the sanctuary watched a live broadcast of the funeral in the church's fellowship hall, many waving hand-held fans with a black-and-white photo of a smiling King hugging his black electric guitar, Lucille.



AP

A funeral home attendant stands watch over the casket bearing blues legend B.B. King prior to his funeral mass at Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Indianola, Miss., Saturday, May 30, 2015.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED



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A year ago, our dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle was called by our Lord to his new home, God's Paradise.

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Rihanna in Cuba's capital to record music video

HAVANA (AP)—Pop star Rihanna drew a crowd Friday while cruising down Havana's Malecon shore boulevard in a classic American convertible from the 1950s.

Children and young people swarmed around the car, using their cellphones to snap pictures of the singer while security guards kept them from getting too close.

Cuban state media say Rihanna arrived in Cuba on Wednesday and made an unannounced appearance at the La Fontana restaurant.

The media reports say she also has recorded video footage in the capital's central district of El Vedado and at the La Guirada restaurant, where the Cuban movie "Strawberry and Chocolate" was filmed.



AP
Fans take photographs of pop artist Rihanna, center, as she rides on an American classic car after a photo shoot with photographer Annie Leibovitz at a building on the Malecon, in Havana, Cuba, Friday, May 29, 2015.

Waters to college grads: 'It's your turn to cause trouble'

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Filmmaker John Waters tells Rhode Island School of Design graduates it's their turn to go out in the world and cause artistic trouble.

Waters, known for the cult classic "Pink Flamingos" and other films that pushed the boundaries of good taste, was given an honorary doctorate Saturday at the prestigious art school's 132nd commencement.

He urged the 669 graduates

to go out and "outrage outdated critics" and "make ME nervous." "It's your turn to cause trouble," he said.

Waters also advised them to give their children a safe place to be creative, as his parents did for him.

Author Adam Gopnick of The New Yorker and musicians Chris Frantz, Martina Weymouth, and Jerry Harrison, all formerly of the band Talking Heads, also received honorary degrees. Frantz and Weymouth are alumni.

Historic Gay Head Lighthouse completes 135-foot move

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP)—A historic Martha's Vineyard lighthouse arrived at its new location on Saturday after a painstaking 135-foot move from the edge of an eroding cliff.

Richard Pomroy, manager of the relocation project, said the 160-year-old Gay Head Light landed at its new location at 11:10 a.m. and lined up "beautifully dead center" on the concrete pad

that will be its new home.

The nearly \$3.5 million project is expected to protect the lighthouse from the threat of erosion for at least another 150 years.

Its journey began Thursday

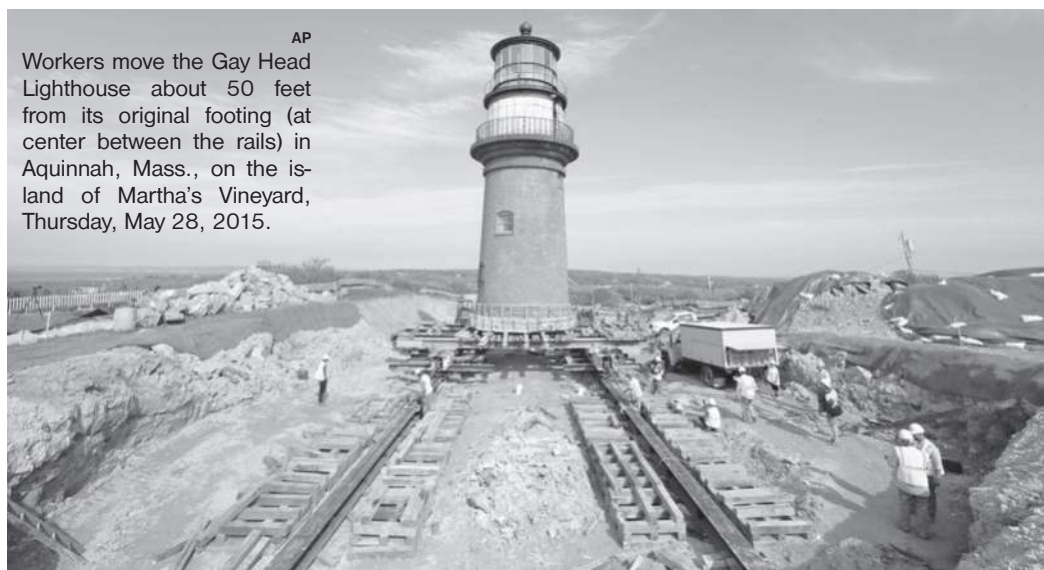
when a seasoned team of lighthouse movers used powerful hydraulic pistons to push the 400-ton, 52-foot tall structure along steel rails at roughly 5-foot increments.

At the finish, Pomroy said, a Dixieland band played at a champagne christening for hundreds of spectators. "It's been a revolving door all day long," he said.

Pomroy said the next phase begins Wednesday when a new foundation will be started. Crews will also break down the moving apparatus, repair the brick-and-mortar lighthouse, and restore the scoured-out land around it.

He said it's hoped the beacon will be relit by early July.

The lighthouse sits near brightly colored cliffs at the western edge of the resort island that was once a whaling center.



AP
Workers move the Gay Head Lighthouse about 50 feet from its original footing (at center between the rails) in Aquinnah, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard, Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Iggy Azalea cancels US tour for 2nd time

NEW YORK (AP)—Iggy Azalea has canceled her U.S. tour for a second time.

The "Fancy" rapper tweeted Friday "as u may know, the tour is cancelled." She added that she's "so sad and sorry to let my fans down."

Azalea announced in March that The Great Escape Tour would not kick off in April. She rescheduled the tour due to production delays and said it would take place this fall.

Representatives from Aza-

lea's record label, Def Jam, and tour promoter, AEG, didn't return emails seeking comment. Azalea didn't offer any details about the second cancellation.

The Grammy-nominated rapper, whose recent single is "Pretty Girls" with Britney Spears, tweeted that she'll "be back out on the road when the next album is done."

Azalea said she's still committed to her upcoming festival performances.

McCartney says he's given up pot now that he's a granddad

LONDON (AP)—Paul McCartney says he has given up marijuana after many years of indulgence and now prefers wine or "a nice margarita."

The former Beatle told the Daily Mirror he doesn't want to set a bad example for his children and grandchildren by using marijuana. He said Saturday his decision is "a parent thing."

He says "the last time I

smoked was a long time ago."

McCartney had been a long-time marijuana user who spent 10 nights in jail after he was arrested trying to enter Japan with a large quantity of the drug in 1980.

The 72-year-old British rock/pop star is fit and has long advocated a vegetarian lifestyle. He continues to perform for adoring crowds worldwide.

Dental care in nursing homes can be difficult to arrange

DEAR ABBY: My mother has Alzheimer's. She has been in a nursing home for 10 years. I feel sorry for her because she can't verbalize that her teeth are killing her, but I can see the pain in her face and hear her grind her teeth. When I asked her if her teeth hurt, she rubbed my arm up and down, which I took to mean yes. I asked for her to be seen by a doctor, but at this time we have to wait at least six weeks to see one.

Something I would like people to know is there is little dental care available in nursing homes. Because of improved dental care by the general public, many more people arrive in nursing homes with their teeth intact than they used to. This sounds good, but the problem is that patients often refuse to allow anyone to assist them with oral hygiene. Eventually they may become too frail to withstand the stress of surgery or other treatment that comes with failing teeth.

As I understand it, not many dentists are willing to shoulder the extra challenge of caring for this "difficult" population, or the red tape of getting paid for the care of patients in nursing homes.

It is very important to take care of our teeth as we age. Once we or our loved one enters a nursing home, we need to continue their dental hygiene to the best of our abilities. We can help overworked staff by encouraging our loved ones to brush and floss. Take them

out for a checkup every six months.

I can't stand a toothache for a day. I wouldn't wish that pain on anyone, especially someone with Alzheimer's who cannot ask for help. I wish I had been more aware. Please let the public know how important this is.

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DEAR NANCY: As you noted, people are keeping their teeth longer. We now know that a healthy mouth is important for good overall health, no matter what your age.

In addition to dentists, there are now dental hygienists in many states who can provide care for people in nursing homes and homebound patients. Some specialize in treating the developmentally disabled and "difficult" populations.

Specially licensed dental hygienists can provide services outside of the dental office in the states that allow it, and can refer the patient to a dentist for further service. In the United States, individual states determine the scope of practice for providers, which includes what types of services dental hygienists may provide in that state.

Several states are currently working to expand their oral

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care workforce and improve access to care—in part to meet the growing aging population who are retaining their teeth. In West Virginia, dental hygienists are permitted to deliver care in nursing homes and a variety of other settings. If you have additional questions, the American Dental Hygienists' Association (adha.org) can provide further state-specific information on this subject.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Blatter says FIFA corruption probe won't lead to him

ZURICH (AP)—Having come through another FIFA election largely unscathed, Sepp Blatter was in a typically defiant mood Saturday when addressing the challenges that still lie ahead.

The 79-year-old FIFA president dismissed suggestions that a United States government investigation of corruption in football could lead to his door. Several senior FIFA officials have been arrested already, but Blatter shrugged off the notion that he could be next.

"Arrested for what? Next question," Blatter said curtly when meeting international media for the first time since American and Swiss federal cases rocked FIFA's home city on Wednesday.

"I forgive but I don't forget," Blatter also said at FIFA headquarters, referring to a European-led attempt to oust him after 17 years in office.

A busy first day of his new four-year presidential term saw the leader of the world's most popular sport scold critics and take acclaim from allies.

Blatter criticized U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and received a congratulatory telegram from Vladimir Putin, president of 2018 World Cup host Russia.

Gone was the tension which put a tremor in his voice after Swiss police raided FIFA's favorite luxury hotel in Zurich early Wednesday.

Blatter insisted he had nothing to fear from the U.S. fed-



AP
FIFA President Sepp Blatter speaks during a news conference following the FIFA Executive Committee meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

eral case which alleged a \$150 million bribe scheme linked to broadcast rights for tournaments in North and South America. Two FIFA vice presidents were among seven men arrested.

"I do not see how FIFA could be directly affected by this," Blatter said.

He was equally adamant when responding to questions about whether the probe can't still directly affect him.

Was he the "high-ranking FIFA official" mentioned in the

Department of Justice indictment who wired \$10 million to corrupt North American officials? The apparent bribes were paid from a FIFA account in exchange for voting for South Africa as the 2010 World Cup host.

"Definitely that is not me," Blatter said. "I have no \$10 million."

It was clear that, after winning a closer vote than he would have liked Friday, Blat-

ter wanted to come out fighting—first criticizing Lynch in an interview with his local Swiss broadcaster.

Lynch said Wednesday that FIFA and marketing officials—14 indicted and four who made guilty pleas—had "corrupted the business of worldwide soccer to serve their interests and to enrich themselves."

"I was shocked by what she

said," Blatter told French-language broadcaster RTS. "As a president I would never make a statement about another organization without knowing."

Blatter suggested the U.S. Department of Justice went too far on FIFA's turf.

"Listen, with all the respect to the judicial system of the U.S. with a new minister of justice," Blatter said, "the Americans, if they have a financial crime that regards American citizens then they must arrest these people

there and not in Zurich when we have a congress."

Those comments set the tone for a punchy lunchtime news conference.

"I have especially no concerns about my person," he said about the investigation, which U.S. federal agencies claim is just starting.

The seven football officials detained are resisting extradition and face 20 years in prison. Any questioning and plea bargaining could take American authorities deeper into the heart of FIFA.

Those detained include FIFA vice president Jeffrey Webb, a Cayman Islands banker with homes in Georgia. Webb was a member of FIFA's audit panel more than a decade ago when FIFA was in severe financial crisis.

Still, FIFA member federations ignored the global furor Friday to vote Blatter a 133-73 victory against challenger Prince Ali bin al-Hussein.

Prince William, speaking in his position as president of the English Football Association, was the latest high-profile figure to call for reform of FIFA.

"There seems to be a huge disconnect between the sense of fair play that guides those playing and supporting the game, and the allegations of corruption that have long lingered around the management of the sport internationally," the prince said before Saturday's FA Cup final between Arsenal and Aston Villa at Wembley Stadium.

SIDEBAR

Small clubs, youth teams feel victimized by FIFA scandal

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The accused in the FIFA scandal are easy to spot: globe-trotting executives charged with diverting millions meant to build the game to their personal accounts. Those who feel victimized aren't as obvious: Youth players with hand-me-down equipment, semi-pro clubs that can't afford to travel and developmental leagues that can't pay referees.

Players and coaches can only dream about millions reportedly siphoned off by top soccer officials.

"The reason that these people were able to make so much money corruptly goes to the love that people have for the sport," Kelly Currie, the acting U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, said as 14 top world soccer officials were indicted. "And so it's taking that love and skimming off the marketing rights that allowed these people to enrich themselves and line their pockets."

Take Fabio Braz, a 36-year-old defender on Brazil's lower-division America Football Club, which is deep in debt and having trouble paying for basics. He doesn't see money trickling down from powerful Brazilian Football Confederation, whose new \$35 million

headquarters is a monument to wealth and power and whose former president was arrested Wednesday.

The indictment claimed Brazilian soccer officials took bribes for decades, selling off TV rights and marketing agreements while millions were delivered to them personally.

"They take away our money," Braz told The Associated Press after Friday practice. "We are here daily working our butts off, earning our keep, defending our families, fighting for our survival."

Narinder K. Bhatia, the vice president of India's Delhi Soccer Association, said little money trickles down to the grassroots.

"It's been very difficult to run the game," Bhatia said. "We are unable to provide nutrition. A cup of tea and a snack is not enough for players during matches."

In South Africa, revelations that bribes were paid to get the 2010 World Cup have angered millions.

The indictment said "youth leagues and development programs" were hit hardest by corruption. FIFA spent \$1 billion on development projects the last three years. But it's unclear

how much of that money got to players and clubs, or ended up in the bank accounts of FIFA officials.

Christopher Gaffney, who studies global sports events at the University of Zurich, said the victims stretch beyond field, pointing to businesses involved or hurt by the schemes: Employees making shoes in Asian sweatshops who went underpaid, while their companies paid millions in bribes; Nepalese workers who died building massive stadiums so tiny Qatar can host the 2022 World Cup.

"The victims are hidden by the spectacle," Gaffney said in an email. "White-collar crime has its greatest impacts on those who don't own a suit."

BRAZIL

A worker leaned a ladder on a wall at dawn Thursday and pulled down—letter by letter—a sign on the Brazilian Football Confederation building that read: "Sede Jose Maria Marin," Jose Maria Marin Building.

Marin's was among those arrested in Switzerland and is charged with taking millions in bribes from multiple companies. He stepped down in April to become a CBF vice president.

About 45 kilometers (25

miles) north of the lavish CBF headquarters, Braz practiced Friday at Giulite Coutinho stadium, the home of America Football Club on the gritty outskirts of Rio.

The club's 11,000-seat stadium is surrounded by dilapidated cinderblock houses, abandoned factories and mountains of trash strewn at every corner.

The club was one of Rio's best 40 years ago, but now plays three levels below Brazil's top teams.

Braz has played for top Brazilian clubs and probably earns twice the average of 5,000 reals (\$1,650) monthly salary for players on the team.

"The majority of soccer clubs in Brazil have big problems," Braz said. "Players aren't paid, and then you see how the CBF benefits with so much money and luxury."

The 100-year-old club is \$20 million in debt, said Wagner Tardelli, head of soccer administration at the club.

Tardelli was a referee until he was pulled off a key match in 2008 by Marco Polo Del Nero, now the CBF president.

Del Nero accused Tardelli of match-fixing. Tardelli sued Del Nero and won his case, but the scandal ruined his career. He

said he'd like to see Del Nero "arrested and put in jail."

"What we see with the CBF is impunity," Tardelli said. "The truth is the CBF operates as a separate state, and no president in this country has been able to change that institution."

Tardelli gazed around at a field of young players.

"If this money had been used for the kids and junior leagues—for example—wouldn't that have been a great help?"

INDIA

At the Asian Games last year, India was eliminated without scoring a goal. The massive nation has never played in the World Cup.

Rahul Paswan practiced this week with the semi-pro Royal Rangers on the uneven turf at New Delhi's Ambedkar Stadium.

"The biggest problem for us is buying equipment," said Paswan, an 18-year-old midfielder. "My family is unable to support me enough. I can't think of buying top-notch soccer boots. We also seldom get to play on a decent field."

Bhatia, the vice president of the Delhi Soccer Association, said development money from FIFA seldom filters down.

"Most of the money is spent

on high staff salaries and hotel bills," Bhatia said. "There should be no diversion of money, it should go toward developing the game."

AFRICA

Revelations of bribes from the indictment have been front-page news in South Africa, where soccer clubs are crying out for funding.

South Africa's northern neighbor Zimbabwe is a stark example in Africa of how soccer still struggles in poorer countries.

The Zimbabwe Football Association recently had to auction off an artificial-surface training field for \$115,000 to pay down its debt.

In West Africa, FIFA has funded the Guinea Football Federation's new headquarters, with gleaming offices and boardrooms, a reward for top officials who keep FIFA President Sepp Blatter in office.

Critics say that money would have been better spent on fields and equipment.

"FIFA has become a danger for small nations like Guinea," Guinean political analyst Aliou Diallo said. "The heads there butter themselves up with the misery of our fragile economies."

Keuchel fans 11, pitches 4-hitter as Astros blank White Sox



HOUSTON
(AP)—Dallas Keuchel struck out

a career-high 11 and pitched a four-hitter, leading the Houston Astros over the Chicago White Sox 3-0 on Saturday.

Heavy rain caused minor flooding inside Minute Maid Park during the game, but there were no delays.

Keuchel (7-1) pitched his second career shutout and first since May 13, 2014. He didn't walk a batter and finished with a 1.76 ERA after throwing his eighth complete game overall.

The Astros improved to 31-19, tying the 1998 team that won a franchise-high 102 times for the best 50-game start in team history.

Jose Quintana (2-6) allowed one run in 6 1-3 innings.

Evan Gattis and Chris Carter hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth.

Rangers 8, Red Sox 0

In Arlington, Texas, Chi Chi Gonzalez took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of his major league debut and preserved the shutout with some smart fielding, leading the Rangers to a win over the Red Sox.

David Ortiz led off the sixth with an opposite-field double to the gap in left-center to end the no-hit bid.

He gloved a comebacker by Pablo Sandoval with one out and got Ortiz trapped in a rundown between third base and home plate.

The 23-year-old right-hander struck out two, walked five and threw 102 pitches in 5 2-3 innings. He and three relievers limited Boston to five hits.

Adam Rosales tied a career high with four hits for Texas.

Boston left-hander Wade Miley (4-5) allowed six runs, five earned, in four-plus innings.

Marlins 9, Mets 5

In New York, Giancarlo Stanton homered twice and Christian Yelich snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single, sending the Marlins to a victory over the Mets.

J.T. Realmuto and Jeff Baker also went deep as Miami dinged a struggling Jonathon Niese, who lasted only four innings.

The Marlins had lost 14 of 17 before taking the first two games of this series.

Mike Dunn (1-3) escaped a sixth-inning jam by striking out Duda and retiring Daniel Murphy with runners at the corners.

Yelich singled to right off rookie Hansel Robles (0-1) to give the Marlins a 7-5 lead.

Reds 8, Nationals 5

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto hit a two-run homer—his second in two days—and Zack Cozart doubled with the bases loaded in the eighth inning, rallying the Reds to a victory over the Nationals.



Houston Astros' Jonathan Villar, right, is tagged out by Chicago White Sox second baseman Carlos Sanchez (5) while trying to stretch a single into a double during the sixth inning of a baseball game Saturday, May 30, 2015, in Houston.

Cozart's double highlighted a four-run inning off Casey Jansen (0-1). Billy Hamilton followed with a two-run single.

The Reds have won consecutive games for the first time in more than two weeks, ending Washington's club-record streak of winning nine consecutive series.

J.J. Hoover (3-0) retired all three batters on grounders in the eighth. Aroldis Chapman walked two while getting his ninth save.

Rays 3, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Erasmo Ramirez threw three-hit ball over seven innings, and the Rays beat Wei-Yin Chen and the Orioles to end a six-game losing streak.

Steve Souza Jr. and Joey Butler homered for the Rays, who staked Ramirez to an early lead in a matchup of AL East clubs with struggling offenses.

Ramirez (3-2) struck out seven and walked one in his longest outing since last July.

Chen (1-4) gave up three runs and six hits in seven innings. It was the ninth time in 10 starts the left-hander permitted three earned runs or fewer, but he's got only one win to show for it.

Diamondbacks 7, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Paul Goldschmidt outslugged the Brewers with two homers and four RBIs, leading the Diamondbacks to a win.

The left-handed first baseman led off the third with a homer before hitting a long three-run shot for a 7-2 lead in the fourth. That drive caromed off the scoreboard high above the 400-foot sign in deep straightaway center, chasing starter Kyle Lohse (3-6) from the game.

Even Arizona starter Jeremy Hellickson (3-3) got in on the fun at the plate with two hits, including an RBI single through a drawn-in infield in the second.

The Brewers lost their seventh straight to drop to a major league-worst 16-34.

Twins 3, Blue Jays 2

In Minneapolis, Brian Dozier drove in the tiebreaking run with a triple in the seventh inning, lifting the Twins past the Blue Jays.

Blaine Boyer pitched a perfect ninth for his first save, giving major league leader Glen Perkins a break after the All-Star closer gave up a go-ahead, two-run homer to Chris Colabello the night before.

Kyle Gibson got the Blue Jays to hit into a double play in each of the first three innings. Ryan Pressly (2-1) picked up the victory with a scoreless seventh.

Aaron Loup (1-3) relieved Aaron Sanchez in the seventh and gave up a leadoff single to Aaron Hicks before the line drive by Dozier that glanced off diving right fielder Ezequiel Carrera's glove.

Rockies 5, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Nolan Arenado, Michael McKenry and Ben Paulsen each homered, leading the Rockies to a victory over the slumping Phillies.

Eddie Butler (3-5) tied his career high by going six innings, allowing one run and four hits. He struck out three and walked one in an emergency start, helping the Rockies win for the sixth time in seven games.

Cesar Hernandez homered and Ryan Howard had an RBI double for Philadelphia, which lost its sixth straight

and fell a season-worst 13 games under .500.

Jorge De La Rosa was scheduled to start for the Rockies, but the left-hander was scratched Saturday morning because of a cut on his left middle finger that cost him his second straight start.

Aaron Harang (4-5) gave up two runs on four hits in six innings.

Dodgers 5, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Yasmani Grandal's three-run homer capped a four-run sixth inning off Michael Wacha and Los Angeles prevailed for a rain-soaked victory.

Carlos Frias (4-2) allowed an unearned run and five hits in seven innings, an impressive bounce back after surrendering a career-worst 10 runs his last time out. Frias bunted for his first career hit in the seventh.

Howie Kendrick's RBI single tied it at 1 two at-bats before Grandal, activated from the 7-day concussion disabled list earlier Saturday, hammered a 3-1 pitch an estimated 435 feet to left-center.

The Dodgers, held hitless for the first 5 1/3 innings, ended a drought of 42 consecutive scoreless innings on the road, including a 3-0 loss in the series opener Friday.

Wacha (7-1) gave up four runs and three hits in 5 2/3 innings for the Cardinals, whose five-game winning streak ended.

Braves 8, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Juan Uribe hit a towering two-run drive in the ninth for his first homer since joining Atlanta and Williams Perez shut down San Francisco for his first major league win.

Andrelton Simmons and

Cameron Maybin each hit a pair of RBI singles, while Christian Bethancourt and Freddie Freeman also singled in runs off Tim Lincecum, who was chased after just 4 1/3 innings.

Jace Peterson was a home run shy of a natural cycle with his first career three-hit game.

Uribe, acquired from the Dodgers on Thursday, hit his second home run this year and first since April 25, this one off Jean Machi.

Lincecum (5-3) had his home scoreless streak end at 23 innings on Simmons' second-inning single.

Perez (1-0) allowed four hits in seven innings in his third major league start.

Pirates 5, Padres 2

In San Diego, Charlie Morton pitched seven strong innings and combined with two relievers on a four-hitter, and drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning to lead Pittsburgh.

Morton (2-0) retired his last 11 batters in his second start of the season. He won his season debut 4-2 against Marlins on Monday after starting the year on the disabled list recovering from right hip surgery. He held San Diego to two runs, one earned, and three hits while striking out two and walking one.

After allowing an unearned run in the fourth, he got Will Middlebrooks to hit into a double play, and then retired in the Padres in order in the fifth through seventh innings.

Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances.

The Pirates won for the eighth time in nine games.

Yankees 5, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, Carlos Beltran hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth, Brian McCann and Chase Headley drove in runs and the Yankees ended a four-game losing streak in Oakland.

McCann drove in a run in his eighth straight to help the Yankees win their fourth in six games. Headley had three hits and Alex Rodriguez hit safely in his ninth straight, and in his last 14 starts.

Josh Reddick had three hits and drove in a run for the A's, who had a two-game win streak snapped. Billy Butler and Marcus Semien drove in runs.

Jesse Hahn (2-5), who threw his first complete-game and shutout in his last start, gave up four runs—three earned—on seven hits over six innings.

Chasen Shreve (2-1) struck out all four batters he faced to earn the win. Andrew Miller pitched the ninth for his 15th consecutive save.

Angels 8, Tigers 6

In Anaheim, California, Mike Trout and Albert Pujols were among five Los Angeles Angels to homer in the first two innings, allowing Jered Weaver to breeze to a win.

Weaver (4-4) won his fourth straight decision over five starts, allowing three runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings with three strikeouts and no walks.

Kole Calhoun, Matt Joyce and rookie Carlos Perez also went deep for the Angels, who had totaled just six home runs in Weaver's 10 previous starts this season. For Joyce, it was his third in four games after hitting just one in his first 40 games.

All of the homers came off Shane Greene (4-4), who had given up only three in his first 59 innings this season combined. He was charged with seven runs and six hits in just 1 2/3 innings.

Indians 4, Mariners 3

In Seattle, Jerry Sands hit a two-run homer, his first of the season, David Murphy added a pinch-hit RBI single, and Cleveland beat Seattle.

Sands, called up from Triple-A Columbus on Thursday, homered on a 1-2 pitch from Seattle starter Roenis Elias (2-2) in the second inning, driving the ball into the Mariners' bullpen in left field.

Murphy added his fourth RBI this season as a pinch-hitter, dropping a broken-bat single over the Mariners' drawn-in infield in the sixth inning.

Robinson Cano, back in the lineup after missing two games with an inner ear infection, homered for the first time since April 14, lining a two-run shot in the third inning. It snapped a string of 171 plate appearances without a homer for Cano, tying the longest streak of his career.

Hopwood 1 vs Chacha in finals

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Hopwood Junior High School 1 and Chacha Oceanview Junior

High School set up their title duel in the boys division of the 2015 PSS Basketball League after eliminating their respective foes last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hopwood 1 bagged the first finals ticket after routing San Antonio Middle School in the opening semis match, 70-40, while Chacha advanced to today's winner-take-all finale fol-

lowing a tough 35-32 victory against Hopwood 2 in the second Final Four pairing.

Khalid Islam lifted Chacha to the close semis win, scoring 13 points, including 3 of the squad's last 5 markers. Islam also drew enough help from his teammates in the second half to foil an all-Hopwood championship match. Five other Chacha players made it to the board in the final frame, while only three players scored for Hopwood 2 with the third one limited to one free throw.

Christian Itaas led Hopwood 2's losing cause with his 15 markers.

In the first semis game, Hop-

wood 1 proved to be too much for San Antonio, as the former had the game in control right in the opening quarter. Hopwood pulled away after the first 20 minutes of play, 41-20.

Jude Tengco paced Hopwood 1 with his 13 points, while Jordan Ocaya chipped in 12. Angelo Factor contributed 8, while four others added 6 markers each for Hopwood 1's balance offense. Champ Sambangan had 15 to top-score for San Antonio.

The Hopwood 1-Chacha title tiff will be played today at 5pm.

All-Hopwood title duel

Meanwhile, it will be an all-

Hopwood affair in the girls championship game.

Hopwood 1 marched into the finals after dominating San Antonio, 37-22, while Hopwood 2 notched a similar easy semis victory against Dandan, 43-27, to ensure the Hilitais a championship trophy in the girls division.

Chevy Kate Alipio starred in Hopwood 1's rout of San Antonio, as she nearly matched their opponent's output, firing 19 markers. No San Antonio player broke into double figures with Terri Borja making only 8 markers.

Alipio logged 10 of her total points in the first half to give



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A Chacha Oceanview Junior High School player pulls up for a shot against three Hopwood 2 defenders during their semis game in the PSS caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hopwood 1 an 18-9 lead. Alipio and company never looked back from thereon.

In the other semis pairing, Samantha Francisco knocked in 22 points to power Hopwood 2 to a 16-point winning margin against Dandan. She dropped 12 markers in the first half, as Hopwood 2 built a commanding 25-8 lead and protected the double-digit spread in the second frame.

The all-Hopwood girls finale is set for 4pm.

BOYS First Game

Hopwood 1 70 – Tengco 13, Ocaya 12, Factor 8, Jones 6, Kisa 6, Quiroz 6, Pangelinan 6, Agustin 4, Paulis 4, Peter 2.

San Antonio 40 – Sambangan 15, Fleming 8, Tiamzon 8, Ichihara 4, Deleon Guerrero 3, Ordonez 2.

Scoring by halves: 41-20, 70-40.

Second Game

preliminary races submitting times of 3:01 and 9:51 with the Lady Mantas coming in second in the short distance with 3:07 while the Lady Ayuyus settled for third (3:15).

Kagman and Southern switched places in the long distance with 10:16 compared to the latter's 10:22.

MHS was a bit slow in the finale after posting times of 3:04 (500m) and 10:19 (1,500m), while the same thing happened for SSHS and KHS in both events.

Southern ended up a close second in the 500m with 3:09

Chacha 35 – Islam 13, Reyes 6, Quitano 5, Santos 4, Sacdalan 4, Torres 2, Kaipat 2.

Hopwood 2 32 – Itaas 15, Ogasawara 6, Cruz 6, Valencia 3, Apasan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-21, 35-32.

GIRLS First Game

Hopwood 1 37 – Alipio 19, M. Duenas 6, Jones 2, Gilles 2, Deleon Guerrero 2, J. Duenas 2, Ballesteros 2.

San Antonio 22 – Borja 8, Simram 5, Aldan 4, Espinosa 3, Roberto 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-9, 37-22.

Second Game

Hopwood 2 43 – Francisco 22, Malasarte 7, Blas 4, Valino 4, Surima 4, Bordon 2.

Dandan 27 – Cabrera 11, Blas 8, Pangelinan 4, Tudela 2, Rebuenog 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-8, 42-27.

Rasiang leads the way for Oleai girls

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Aiko Rasiang clinched three of Oleai Elementary School's seven gold medals

as the Turtles finished with a combined haul of 19 medals to rule the Under-12 division of the Public School System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship held last week in two different venues.

Thursday's opening, on May 21, was held at the Oleai Sports Complex, while the Hopwood Junior High School field was the venue for the final two days, May 22 and 23, of the annual athletics competition that attracts more than 300 students from Saipan and neighboring Tinian.

Team Oleai combined for seven gold, six silver, and six bronze medals with Rasiang collecting three to lead the girls side, while Marty Taisacan grabbed two for the boys' U12 squad.

Rasiang topped the 60m, 100m, and 200m runs to lead an Oleai 1-2-3 finish in all three events. She also reset last year's times of San Vicente Elementary School's Jamie Pangelinan in the last two events she competed in.

She collected her first gold in the 60m run with a time of 8.54 seconds, just 0.02 seconds slower than Pangelinan's 8.52

record. Her second gold had her breaking Pangelinan's 2014 mark of 14.84 seconds when she crossed the finish line in 14.72.

Rasiang ended her remarkable performance with a 32.08 run in the 200m to again break the 32.13 recorded by Pangelinan in last year's edition of the All-Schools championship.

Nichko Rasiang and Ashley Ito, Aiko Rasiang's teammates, settled for the silver and bronze medals in

the 60m run after submitting times of 8.81 and 9.08. Nichko Rasiang then added the 100m (14.98) and 200m (32.59) silver medals with Therize Millare winning bronze in both events (15.40 and 33.59).

Millare won for the Oleai U12 girls team its fourth gold when she topped the 400m run in 1:19.22, while Saipan International School's Reu Sekiguchi (1:19.62) and Kagman Elementary School's Sheena Rejano (1:25.41) bagged silver and bronze.

Koblerville Elementary School's Elaine Fernandez (800m, 3:34.43) and Sekiguchi (1,500m, 6:16.55) also struck gold in their respective races with the latter eclipsing



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Sekiguchi

last year's record of 7:09.54 by Agape Christian School's Annie Wang.

SIS' Mauryzon Tybaco ruled the girls U12 long jump (3.68) with Nichko Rasiang (3.50) and Fernandez (3.44) were relegated to the silver and bronze medals, while Kagman's Sheena Rejano (31.60m), Koblerville's Hanrose Nakayama (25.15m), and Tinian's Cheralaine Epity (19.91) were the Top 3 in the vortex throw event.

Taisacan topped two events, the 60m in 8.70 seconds and 100m sprint in 14.52 to erase his qualifying time of 14.81.

Koblerville's R-Hermes Shorey (8.96) and Oleai's Raven Francisco (9.11) finished second and third in the 60m run with the former also claiming the silver in the century dash (14.94) while Arman Igisomar, also of Oleai, came in third (5.15).

Agape's Mack Guintu foiled Taisacan's bid of a third gold in the 200m run when he posted a 31.78 against the 32.53 of the Oleai bet. Elias placed third, 32.15.

Elias won the 400m run (1:16.21) while Shorey (1:16.66) and Francisco (1:16.93) claiming silver and bronze. Igisomar ruled the middle distance 800m

an and-1 play that gave his team a promising 30-19 lead down to the closing seconds of the opening frame.

Auto Motion, behind the 3-point shooting of Mico Usi and Marlon Sison, widened the gap to as much as 18 points in second quarter, 40-22, before Randy Mungcal anchored a mini LBT rally to cut the deficit to single digit, 38-47. Mungcal scored 7 straight points in the 16-7 run and had 10 in the second quarter alone, but Robert Guiang countered with his own string of 7 markers to bring Auto Motion's lead back to double figures at halftime, 52-38.

Auto Motion made it a an

18-0 spurt bridging the last two minutes of the second period and nearly the opening three minutes of the third with Joseph Galulu this time spearheading the surge and tallying 7 points for their huge 63-38 advantage.

It was all over for LBT Appraisal after that as the second finisher in the regular season continued to fire blanks. At one point in the fourth quarter, LBT muffed 10 straight shots, including four consecutive triples. It failed to hit a single shot from downtown in the entire game, while Auto Motion drained 10 with Sison's back-to-back treys inside the two-minute mark putting the final nail on LBT's coffin, 91-64.

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(9:42).

Craig Aguon, Raymond Borja, Regino Celis, Gerald Flores, Jake Madamba, Tommy Reyes, J.P. Taitano, and Won Jong Seo are the members of the Carter Calma-coached Saipan Southern squad.

In the distaff side, the MHS girls squad collected 130 points after followed by the 59 markers of Saipan Southern while Kagman, despite showing up with five paddlers, had 34.

The Lady Dolphins both topped the 500m and 1,500m

Sison, Guiang, and Usi finished with 15 points apiece to backup Yalung, while Galulu and Art Montes also had twin digits with 13 and 10, respectively. Tabora recorded 19 points to lead LBT, while Mungcal chipped in 17. Ed Pangelinan and Jun Alipio contributed 7 each with the former scoring garbage points as he spent majority of the second half on the bench. Alex Ocampo was held scoreless for the first time this season.

In the first semis match, Blue Haus used a 13-0 run in the third quarter to break Armatech's back and notched the easy win.

Armatech was still in the game after the first half, down

by only 10, 27-37, before Blue Haus got a baker's dozen in the first five minutes of the third period to pull away, 50-27. Six different players scored in Blue Haus' pivotal run, which Haejun Park ended with a putback.

Blue Haus went on to close the third quarter with a 54-36 advantage and kept the safe distance in the fourth behind the multiple baskets of Edsel Mendoza. Mendoza paced Blue Haus with his 23 points. Bernard Montano had 24 for Armatech, which played without Martin Moreno and James Abuy.

Friday Game

Blue Haus 66 – Mendoza

23, Moises 16, Diaz 8, Guiab 7, Fernandez 4, Abuan 2, Santos 2, F. Palacios 2.

Armtech 54 – Montano 14, Gabaldon 11, Berline 10, Poquiz 6, Tobias 5, Bartolo 4, Park 2, Malasarte 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-10, 37-27, 54-36, 66-54.

Saturday Game

Auto Motion 95 – Yalung 21, Sison 15, Guiang 15, Usi 15, Montes 10, Galulu 13, Balgos 2.

LBT Appraisal 7 – Tabora 18, Mungcal 17, De Guzman 10, Alipio 7, Pangelinan Catalla 5, Vargas 4, Sampang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 30-19, 52-38, 72-56, 95-72.

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favored LBT Appraisal for the second straight time as the former got off to a strong start in their semis duel and sustained the momentum in the last three quarters after playing a balance offense. LBT Appraisal, on the other hand, had a bad shooting night and failed to find the right combination on the floor to launch a big comeback.

Ed Yalung led Auto Motion's upset, knocking in 21 points off the bench. He came in late in the first quarter, which Auto Motion started with only six players, and scored 11 points, including

33rd CNMI May Masters Tournament

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Champions in the team event of the 33rd CNMI May Masters Tournament pose for a photo with Saipan Bowling Association president Jerry Tan, left, during the awards ceremony for the annual competition last May 24 at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.



The third finishers in the team event are joined in the photo by Saipan Bowling Association president Jerry Tan, fifth left.



All Events runners-up Kathy Mersai, center, and Ador Dimaano are joined in the photo by Saipan Bowling Association president Jerry Tan.



May Masters men's champion Robert Talavera, is congratulated by Saipan Bowling Association president Jerry Tan.



Team event champions Tess Fabie, Gloria Omechelang, and Kathy Mersai pose with their trophies.



Team event runners-up in the men's and women's divisions gather for a group photo.



Winners in the May Masters event pose for a group photo.



All Events third finishers Gloria Omechelang, left, and Rusty Musca.



Doubles runners-up Yho Villavicencio, left, and Ron Cal show their prize.



Doubles champion Tess Fabie and Gloria Omechelang are all smiles after receiving their prizes.

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Southern, MHS rule MISO canoe



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Saipan Southern High School's boys team, right, and the girls team from Marianas High School celebrate after winning the 500m sprint distance course in last Saturday's 2014-2015 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization outrigger canoe finals in the waters off the Kilili Beach Park.

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Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School ended the 2014-2015 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization the same way they did last year—champions of the season's final event.

SSHS and MHS dominated their respective divisions to remain the overall champions of the MISO boys and girls outrigger canoe finals held last Saturday in the waters off the Kilili Beach Park across the Oleai Sports Complex.

It was Southern's third straight boys crown as the Manta Rays were champions since 2012 to equal MHS' record from 2009 to 2011. The Lady Dolphins, on the other hand, collected their fifth overall title and fourth consecutive with the

Lady Manta Rays squeezing in a title win in 2010.

The Mantas collected a total of 110 points followed by the Dolphins with 86, while the Kagman High School Ayuyus finished third (38).

Southern topped both the 500m and 1,500m distances preliminaries with times of 2:38 and 8:42, respectively, to keep their favorite and team-to-beat tags in the three-cornered race.

MHS came in a close second in the sprint distance with 2:40, while Kagman ended up third (2:48).

It was the same result in the

finals with Southern and MHS duplicating their preliminary heat times while Kagman was two seconds slower with 2:50.

Saipan Southern again finished first in the 1,500m prelims when they crossed the finish line in 8:42 followed by Kagman and MHS with 8:53 and 9:06, respectively.

The Mantas, however, was a bit slower in the 1,500m final when they posted a time of 9:05 but still won the race, while the Ayuyus kept their hold of the second spot (9:15) relegating the Dolphins to third

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Blue Haus, Auto Motion set title match

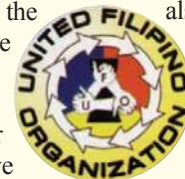
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Blue Haus and Auto Motion eased their way to the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League after wins over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Blue Haus kept its unbeaten

record this season and barged into the finals following a 66-54 victory over Armatech last Friday, while Auto Motion also cruised past LBT Appraisal, 95-72, last Saturday to claim the second championship ticket. The Blue Haus-Auto Motion title match will be played this Wednesday.

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Rabauliman earns NWAC Western Division 2nd team

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Slowly, Jeremy Rabauliman's efforts are bearing fruit as the former Saipan Little League standout earned a selection to the Northwest Athletic Conference Western Division second team.

Rabauliman and the Lower Columbia College Red Devils clinched the NWAC Baseball Championship after posting a 6-1 triumph over the Mount Hood Saints in the rubber match last week.

LCC, the fourth seed in the tournament, went undefeated as it swept all of its five games in the double elimination round. The Red Devils dropped a 2-1 decision against the Saints in the

title opener that forced the do-or-die match.

Rabauliman finished with a 6-1 record and 3.09 ERA in the seven games he started for the Red Devils this season.

His numbers was more impressive in the entire conference as he went 4-0 with a 2.79 ERA in the 38.2 innings he pitched for LCC. He only gave up 37 hits with 24 strikeouts and 15 walks.

Red Devils coach Ed Smith, in an interview by *The Daily News*, praised Rabauliman's stint this season.

"Jeremy's unselfishness is



Rabauliman



probably the best thing. He never lets anything be too serious, but has a way of getting locked in and having a monster mindset when he's on the mound," said Smith of the infielder-turned-pitcher.

Rabauliman is hoping to someday become the first Pacific Islander to pitch in the Major League. He moved to South Seattle more than three years ago where he studied at Kentridge High.

Rabauliman, who didn't have a pitching coach before, said in the same *TDN* interview that he

was at first uncomfortable playing and living in the mainland, and it took him quite sometime before he fully adjusted.

"Everything in life here was different. The type of baseball here is different than what we played at home, and I had to get used to my role and working my way up," said Rabauliman, who rode the bench early in his career with Kentridge High.

He was named to the Class 4A All-State team that earned him a place on the Kentridge Hall of Fame.

Rabauliman's coach at Kentridge, John Flanigan, encouraged him to continue his baseball career with LCC. He also plans to continue his studies in sports medicine at Lewis-Clark State.



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Auto Motion's Ed Yalung goes up for a layup against LBT Appraisal's Randy Mungcal, left, and Ed Pangelinan during the second quarter of their semis game in the Masters division of the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.